

Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ
an Open and Affirming Congregation
8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026

 **Reflection** – *“Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating. By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are.” ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, from “The Cost of Discipleship”*

 **Organ Prelude**

 **Announcements / Lighting the Candle / Welcome to Worship**

 **Organ Introit**

 **Call to Worship**

One: Beloved People of God, welcome!
In every season of life, God gathers us together.

Many: We come to worship with grateful hearts.

One: In a world where hope and hardship
often grow side by side,

Many: God continues to nurture love, justice, and peace.

One: Though we cannot always see what God is doing,

Many: We trust that God is at work among us.

One: Let us open our hearts to God's presence.

All: Come, let us worship the God of steadfast love.

 **Hymn SL #110** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair.
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th' eternal song thro' all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!



Unison Prayer of Invocation

Gracious and loving God, you meet us in a world where joy and sorrow, hope and hardship, grow side by side. Quiet our anxious hearts and help us trust that your love is always at work, even when we cannot yet see the harvest of your goodness. Open our minds to your Word, our hearts to your Spirit, and our lives to your call, that we may worship you with faith, hope, and joy. Amen.



Gloria SL #9

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen, Amen.



Anthem (SL #233) *The Old Rugged Cross*



Moment for All Ages



Scripture Reading	Romans 8:12-25	p. 191
	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	p. 17



Message



Hymn SL #765 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Come, ye thankful people come; Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker Doth provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day All offenses purge away;
Give his angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come To thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified, In thy presence to abide.
Come, with all Thine angels come; Raise the glorious harvest home.



Prayers of the People – Help/Thanks/Wow

One: Now we come to the time where we lift up
our prayers of Help, Thanks, and Wow.
Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Does anyone have any prayers they would like to lift up?
After each individual prayer request...

One: Loving and beloved God; **Many: Hear our prayer.**

Prayer List

One: Let us read the first names of those on our prayer list.

Prayers of healing and hope for...

KATHY Benoit, sister of Mike Raymond

JACKIE Demarey, sister of Mike Raymond

KRISTY Raymond, niece of Mike Raymond

LAURIE Diemer, sister-in-law of Louise and Mike Raymond

AMY Mason, friend of Louise Raymond

NORBERTO Vega Rios, son of friend of Louise Raymond

SUE Willard, sister-in-law of Lynn Willard

BETTY Jaffer, sister of Larry and Jackie Didier

STACEY Jenkins, member of the congregation

COLEEN JABLONSKI and family, sister of Tom Jenkins

CHRISTY Mallory, friend of the Miller/extended Scott Miller family

Prayers of sympathy for the family and friends of...

RYAN Jablonski, son of Colleen Jablonski

**Names remain on prayer list for 8 weeks unless extension requested*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer using any version you wish

 **Response:** Hear our prayer O Lord, hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

Offerings of the People – Time, Talents, Treasures, and Testimonies

 **Offertory (SL #625)** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

 **Response SL #40** *We Praise Thee, O God*

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee.
We bless Thy holy name; glad praises we sing.



Unison Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts, trusting that you can bring abundant life from even the smallest acts of love. Bless these offerings, and bless us, that together we may become seeds of hope, compassion, and justice in your world. Use our gifts and our lives according to your wisdom and in your good time. Amen.



Hymn NC #609 *Now Is the Time Approaching*

Now is the time approaching, by prophets long foretold,
when all shall dwell together, secure and manifold.

Let war be learned no longer, let strife and tumult cease,
all earth a blessed garden that God shall tend in peace.

Let all that now divides us remove and pass away,
like mists of early morning before the blaze of day.

Let all that now unites us more sweet and lasting prove,
a closer bond of union, in blessed lands of love.

O long expected dawning, come with your cheering ray!

Yet shall the promise beckon and lead us not astray.

O sweet anticipation! It cheers the watchers on
to pray, and hope, and labor till Christ's new realm is come.



Benediction / Passing of the Peace



Cong Response SL #785 *God Be With You*

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you;
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.



Postlude

 *Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so.*





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Worship Participants

Ministers -People of the church

Minister -	Rev. Carol Smith
Greeters -	↑ Ilene Lorow ↓ Shirley Raymond
Lay Reader -	Julie Holt
Pianist -	Michele Feldheim
Special Music -	Marion Miller and Charlotte Wood
Zoom Tech-	Bob Miller
Coffee Hour -	Sarah Madden
Flowers -	given in memory of Kenny Wood (our 60 th anniversary will be July 23) by Charlotte Wood

This Week at the Church...

Today 9am -	Big Y gift card pickup
Today 6:30pm -	Westhampton Community Gathering for Peace
Monday 7pm -	Property
Wed/Fri/Sat -	Food Pantry - see website for hours
Friday 7pm -	AA
Saturday 5:30pm -	Blueberry Supper

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

July 19 ★-	Joe Bordonaro
July 20 ★-	Shannon Raymond
July 21 ★-	Kate Dutkiewicz
July 22 ★-	Deb Smith
July 23 ★-	Courtney Campbell, Maureen Dempsey, George Shafer
July 24 ★-	Lynn Cooper, John Gougeon
July 24 ♥-	Bob and Pat Miller
July 25 ♥-	Stacey and Tom Jenkins