



Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ
an Open and Affirming Congregation
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2026

 **Reflection** – *Let me keep company always
with those who say “Look!”
and laugh in astonishment,
and bow their heads. ~ Mary Oliver*

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

 **Call to Worship**

One: On your feet now — applaud GOD!
Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence.

**Many: Know this: GOD is God, and God, GOD.
He made us; we didn’t make him.
We’re his people, his well-tended sheep.**

One: Enter with the password: “Thank you!”
Make yourselves at home, talking praise.
Thank him. Worship him.

**Many: For GOD is sheer beauty,
all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.**

 **Hymn NC #73** *Enter, Rejoice and Come In*

Enter, rejoice and come in. Enter, rejoice and come in.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice and come in.

Open yourself to the song. Open yourself to the song.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice and come in.

Open your hearts everyone. Open your hearts everyone.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice and come in.

Don’t be afraid of some change. Don’t be afraid of some change.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice and come in.


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Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice and come in.

 **Unison Prayer of Invocation**

God of our fathers and mothers — of all the generations
who have come before us — holy is Your name.
We gather in Your presence with praise and
thanksgiving for the faithful love You have shown Your
people, for the many blessings You have given to us.
Thank you for Your faithful presence among us, even
when we are not fully aware of it. Continue to reveal
Yourself to us. Open our eyes to see You here among us;
open our ears to hear Your Word. For surely, You are
with us in this place. In the name of Jesus Christ,
we pray. 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** *O God of Truth and Glory*
(Tune: The Church’s One Foundation NC #386)

 **Moment for All Ages**

 **Scripture Readings** Genesis 18:1-15 p. 17

 **Message** *Laughing in Astonishment* Rev. Marguerite Sheehan

 **Hymn NC #7** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

All people that on earth do dwell
Sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
Delight in God whose praise you tell,
Whose presence calls you to rejoice.

Know that there is one God indeed,
Who fashions us without our aid,
Who claims us, gives us all we need,
Whose tender care will never fade.

Enter the sacred gates with praise,
With joy approach the temple walls.
Extol and bless our God always
As people whom the Spirit calls.

(one more verse on next page)

Proclaim again that God is good,
Whose mercy is forever sure,
Whose truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.



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...

CHARLIE Burgess, husband of Marylou Burgess

CHUCK Horn, member of the congregation

WENDY Blow, member of the congregation

ROBERT Wagner, brother of Michele Wagner

BETSY, sister of Gene Callahan

CAROL Smith, pastor and member of the congregation

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

JEAN Webster, member of the congregation

**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



Piano Offertory



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.



Prayer of Dedication



Hymn NC #82 *Go, My Children, With My Blessings*

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
Here with tender comfort stilled you;
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.



Benediction / Passing of the Peace



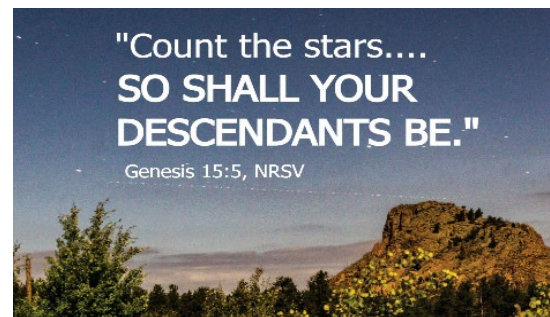
Cong Response SL #785 *God Be With You*

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.



I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.

Genesis 18:10, ESV



The rosebud on the altar is in honor of the birth of *Pearl Helene Gamache*, daughter of Crystal Willard and Armand Gamache IV, who born on May 19, 2026. Pearl's proud big brother is Rhodes, and his overjoyed grandparents are Lynn and William Willard, Debbie and Peter Harbison, Armond J. Gamache III, and Dawn Gamache. *Welcome, little one!*

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Pastor and Church Contact Info

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**Please note – Pastor Carol is on medical leave through the end of June following knee replacement surgery. There will be no office hours during this time and anyone with a pastoral need may contact Rev. Patrick McMahon at 413-579-4674 or emtchaplain@aol.com.*

Julie Holt, church secretary – church phone and email: 413-527-4204; westhamptonchurchucc@comcast.net

Worship Participants

Ministers - People of the church

Minister - Rev. Carol Smith

Guest Minister - Rev. Marguerite Sheehan

Greeters - ↑ Sarah Madden
↓ Kevin O'Keefe

Lay Reader - Dolores Thornhill

Pianist - Michele Feldheim

Zoom Tech- Bob Miller

Coffee Hour - Ruth Tracy

Flowers - Bob and Pat Miller

This Week at the Church...

Today - Big Y gift card orders due

Today - Tools of Hope dedications due

Wed/Fri/Sat - Food Pantry - see website for hours

Thurs 12pm - COA

Fri 7pm - AA

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

June 16 ★ - Jacqui LaFrance

June 17 ★ - Sharon Eddy

June 18 ★ - Louise Raymond, Ashley Therrien

June 14 ♥ - Kate Dutkiewicz and Aaron Punska

June 16 ♥ - Judee and David Wayne

June 17 ♥ - John Hoops and Lynn Matteson

June 19 ♥ - Joanne and Ted Brooks

June 20 ♥ - Karl and Lisa Norris