

Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ
an Open and Affirming Congregation
17th Sunday after Pentecost / Just Peace Sunday
Pinwheels for Peace - September 20, 2026

 **Reflection** – “*Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal.*”
~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

 **Prelude**

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

 **Introit**

 **Call to Worship**

One: We come today longing for peace.

All: May the peace of Christ meet us here.

One: We come carrying the wounds of a world divided.

**All: May God's grace soften our hearts
and widen our vision.**

One: We come wondering what justice, generosity,
and dignity look like in our world.

All: May God's Spirit show us the way.

One: We come not only to pray for peace,
but to become people of peace.

**All: May we receive God's grace
and carry it into the world.**

One: Let us worship the God of peace,

**All: who calls us to love, to serve,
and to seek peace together.**

 **Hymn NC #571** *O God of Love, O God of Peace*

O God of love, O God of peace,
make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of human wrong restrain:
Give peace, oh God, give peace again!

Remember, God, your works of old,
the wonders that our people told;
Heal every malice, harm, and pain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Whom shall we trust, O God, but you?
For you are constant, strong, and true.
None ever called on you in vain:
Give peace, oh God, give peace again!



Unison Prayer of Invocation

God of peace, we come this morning longing for you to plant your peace within us. Plant it in the places where fear has taken root, where anger has grown, where division has taken hold. Water us with your grace until compassion grows, until justice takes root, until hope begins to blossom. Open our hearts to the people around us. Open our eyes to those who are hurting. Open our hands to the work of peace, and may the peace we seek in the world begin to take root in us. 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

As Long As I Have Breath



Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

p. 26



Message for All Ages



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...

CHRISTY Mallory, friend of the Scott and Morton families

BUDDY Nevins, member of the congregation

WENDY Blow, member of the congregation

CRYSTAL, friend of Jeanie McMahon

MARY ANN Turner, cousin of Dolores Thornhill

JACKIE Didier, member of the congregation

JOHN, son of a friend of Kevin and Lorraine O'Keefe

LYNNE Sallee, member of the congregation

STACEY Jenkins, member of the congregation

CLARE McConville, friend of Robbins/Carriveau family

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

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

DOTTIE Burke, member of the congregation

BERNARD Fleury, friend of the community

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.

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you call us to imagine a world where there is enough for all. Receive our gifts and use them to extend your generosity beyond these walls. Where there is need, help us respond. Where there is injustice, give us courage. Where there is division, make us instruments of peace. Show us how to use what we give today to help create a world shaped by your grace, justice, and love. Amen.

Hymn

Go Forth for God (verse 1 only)



Benediction / Passing of the Peace

  **Postlude** ** Everyone is asked to move down to the dining room to make Pinwheels for Peace.*

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



Pinwheels for Peace



Hymn NB #B-6 *Let There be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
 Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
 With God our creator, children all are we.
 Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
 Let peace begin with me; Let this be the moment now.
 With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
 to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
 Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.



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Worship Participants

Ministers -	People of the church
Minister -	Rev. Carol Smith
Greeters -	↑ Sue and Richie Small ↓ Paul Aloisi
Lay Reader -	Lynn Cooper
Pianist -	Michele Feldheim
Zoom Tech-	Bob Miller
Coffee Hour -	Erika Subocz
Flowers -	Marcia Sullivan

This Week at the Church...

Today -	Big Y gift card pick-up
Today 6pm -	Pinwheels for Peace Gathering
Monday 7pm -	Property
Wed/Fri/Sat -	Food Pantry - see website for hours
Thursday 7pm -	Choir
Fri 7pm -	AA
Mon 9/28 10am -	Celebration of Life for Dottie Burke

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

September 22 ★- Ted Brooks, Jailin Ericson,
 Dolores Thornhill, Maxwell Tracy
 September 23 ★- John Barber
 September 24 ★- Anita Hickey
 September 25 ★- Lynne Sallee
 September 26 ★- Kevin O'Keefe, Lydah Punska
 September 20 ♥-David and Donna Brown
 September 24 ♥-Chuck and Carol Inman