

Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ
an Open and Affirming Congregation
10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026

 **Reflection** – *"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves." ~ Viktor E. Frankl (1905-1997) Austrian neurologist, psychiatrist philosopher, Holocaust survivor*

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." ~Maya Angelou (1928-2014)
American memoirist, essayist, poet, and civil rights activist

 **Organ Prelude**

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

 **Organ Introit**

 **Call to Worship** (Psalm 145.8-9, 14-21)

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Many: God's compassion reaches to all creation.

One: The eyes of all look to God with hope.

**Many: God opens wide a gracious hand,
satisfying every living thing.**

One: We come hungry for hope, for peace,
for justice, and for love.

**Many: God welcomes us to a table
where there is enough for all.**

One: Come, let us worship the One
whose love never fails.

ALL: Let us worship God with grateful hearts!

 **Hymn SL # 776** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Refrain: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth, and friends above; for all gentle tho'ts and mild. (R)

For Thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely giv'n;
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven. (R)

 **Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Gracious and generous God, You have called us together from our busy lives. Some of us come overflowing with gratitude. Others come carrying worries, grief, or uncertainty. Yet you welcome each of us with the same unfailing love. Prepare us now for this time together. Meet us in Scripture, in prayer, in song, in silence, and at Christ's table. By your Holy Spirit, open our hearts to your presence, awaken us to your grace, and transform us through your love, that our lives may reflect your compassion and generosity long after this service has ended. Through 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**

 **Moment for All Ages**

	Scripture Reading	Genesis 32:22-31	p. 37
		Matthew 14:13-21	p. 19

 **Message**

 **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...

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 Scott and Morton families

**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.



Sacrament of Holy Communion



 **Communion Hymn SL #693** *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves Beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word!

Break thou the bread of Life, O Lord to me,
That hid within my heart Thy Word may be.
Mold thou each inward tho't, From self set free,
And let my steps be all Controlled by Thee.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread By Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace, My All in All.

Invitation

One: Come and taste the grace eternal,
come and see that God is good.

**Many: We come to this table with faith that we will be fed
by the spirit of Christ as we share the bread and cup.**

One: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life.
All who come to me will not be hungry;
all who believe in me will never be thirsty."

**Many: We are hungry and thirsty.
O Lamb of God, we come!**

One: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion,
Jesus took bread, and after he gave thanks to God,
he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying:

**Many: "This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."**

One: In the same way, Jesus also took the cup.
After he gave thanks, he gave it to them, saying,
"Drink of it all of you."

**Many: "This is the cup of the new covenant poured out for
you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this,
as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Bless this bread and cup and all of us as we gather at
Christ's table so that in receiving these simple gifts, we
may taste and see the abundance of your grace, and hear
again your invitation to "Come," and know the living
presence of Christ among us. Now, unite us with Christ
and with your Church throughout the world, as we
proclaim with hope the mystery of our faith:

**Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

One: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, for all things are now ready!

The Breaking of the Bread

One: Through the broken bread,

Many: we participate in the body of Christ.

The Pouring of the Cup

One: Through the cup of blessing,

Many: we participate in the new life Christ gives.

Sharing of the Elements



Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of surprising abundance, thank you for refreshing us
at your table and blessing us with the presence of Christ.
Jesus took what seemed small, blessed it, and made it more
than enough. Take our lives, bless and use them to bring
hope, healing, and compassion wherever we are called to
serve. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one
another, and send us into the world in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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



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

Gracious and generous God, You open your hand and satisfy the needs of your children. Receive these gifts and receive our lives as well. Bless what we offer, multiply it in ways beyond our imagining. Use it to feed hungry bodies, strengthen weary spirits, welcome strangers, and share the good news of your abundant love. Through Christ we pray. Amen.



Hymn SL #661

Face to Face

Face to face with Christ, my Savior, face to face – what will it be
When with rapture I behold Him, Jesus Christ who died for me?

*Refrain: Face to face I shall behold Him, far beyond the starry sky;
Face to face in all His glory, I shall see him by and by.*

Only faintly now I see him with the darkling veil between;
But a blessed day is coming, when His glory shall be seen. (R)

What rejoicing in His presence, when are banished grief or pain;
When the crooked ways are straightened and the dark things shall be plain. (R)

Face to face – O, blissful moment! Face to face – to see and know;
Face to face with my Redeemer, Jesus Christ who loves me so! (R)



Benediction / Passing of the Peace



Cong Response SL #785 *God Be With You (with refrain)*

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.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet, 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 - ↑ Bill and Janice Tracy

↓ Ilene Lorow

Lay Reader - Pat Miller

Pianist - Michele Feldheim

Special Music - Chuck Horn

Zoom Tech- Bob Miller

Coffee Hour - Audrey Antosz

Flowers - Maureen Dempsey and Rick Tracy

This Week at the Church...

Monday 7pm - WaS

Wed 9am-12pm- Good Works Teens

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

Fri 7pm - AA

Next Sunday - Big Y gift card orders

Aug 13 6:30pm- Community Campfire

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

August 3 ★- Kathy Damon

August 5 ★- Oliver Bishop

August 6 ★- Scott Miller

August 7 ★- Ollie Curylo, Lauren D'Astous, Ellie Scott

August 8 ★- Jorjia Young

August 2 ♥- Peter and Mary Montague

August 3 ♥- Dave and Anita Goddard

August 4 ♥- Stephen and Julie Holt

August 5 ♥- Todd and Becky Alexander

August 8 ♥- Todd and Katie Blakesley