



August 1, 2021
Communion Sunday
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

AVON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
WEST AVON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Members of the United Church of Christ
Avon, Connecticut

AUGUST 1, 2021

PRELUDE

Hour of Communion

Paxton

MEDITATION

“There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find the ways in which you yourself have altered.” — Nelson Mandela

SHARING THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*RISE AND GREET ONE ANOTHER

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: “Rise and Worship God”

Leader: You call your people to prayer and praise in many ways. This day, bring us together just as you called the people of Israel to gather manna in the desert to eat and sustain life.

People: God of unity, give us this day our daily bread. Offer us the nutrients we need to remain connected to you.

Leader: As spiritual beings, we desire to receive food that endures- faith, hope, and love.

People: God of grace, give us this day our daily bread. All life is created and nourished by you!

Leader: May we grow into new circles of understanding and being, reflecting the ways in which we have been touched by your holy manna.

All: Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread. Amen.

*HYMN:

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (TRESPASSES)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the hardness of our hearts, cleanse us, we pray, from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with lowliness and meekness we may draw near to you, trusting in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

GOSPEL READING John 6:22-35

SERMON

ANTHEM *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* Thiman
Patti Nevin, soloist

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (*written by Maren Tirabassi*)

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Remembrance and Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

Leader: The Bread on our table is blessed and broken.

People: Sharing love, we will never be hungry.

Leader: The Cup on our table is blessed and shared like the overflowing of tears and joy.

People: Even a sip is drinking deeply.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: We give you thanks, O Christ, for gathering us at all our tables for word of life and sacred banquet. As we part from one another with the leftovers of your love, turn our being fed and blessed into holy takeout, as share all we have received, slowly, sweetly, and surely with all of your children. Amen.

*HYMN One Bread, One Body #620

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *The Festival Trumpet* Glyncannon

WELCOME TO ALL

Avon Congregational Church Statement of Inclusion

In keeping with the life and teaching of Christ Jesus, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people of any age, gender, sexual orientation, race, culture, ability, or social or economic status into our community of faith. We affirm the humanity of all people as unique individuals made in God's image. We also affirm the special gifts that each person has to offer. We invite all to participate in the full life of the church and covenant of our Christian community.

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Steering Circle 2021 – 2022

Moderator – Jennie Boswell; Clerk – Susan Elliott; Treasurer – Hugh Sinclair;
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Outreach – Beth Ferrari and Kathy Hine; Support – Norm Keeney and Bob Linderman;
Members at Large – Frank Burnham and Patti Nevin

West Avon Congregational Church Open and Affirming Statement

WELCOME TO ALL-We, the members of the West Avon Congregational Church, affirm the worth and value of all God's children and embrace participation, membership, employment, leadership, and ministry by all persons regardless of differences such as race, gender, culture, sexual orientation, physical abilities or age. We welcome everyone to join in the life, responsibilities, and mission of our faith community by fully sharing in worship, sacraments, and fellowship as well as all ceremonies and services permitted by law. We declare our congregation to be Open and Affirming, so help us, God.

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