

FIRST CHURCH WEST HARTFORD

JULY 21, 2024

PRELUDE *Winter Impressions* John Manigualte

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP Jimmy Quinn

One: When we are weary in our bones

**All: here we will find rest.**

One: When we are divided by differences

**All: here we will find harmony.**

One: When we are discouraged and dispirited

**All: here we will find hope and strength.**

One: When we need shelter from life's storms

**All: here we will find peace!**

†HYMN 575 [Come and Find the Quiet Center](#) BEACH SPRING

†OPENING PRAYER

**O God, you are the holy healer of division and disunity. You sent a Savior, your Son, to establish peace and to create one beloved community. Unite us, therefore. Move us toward the prosperous future you have promised. Grant us glimpses of your amazing grace as we forge ahead in faith. Be present in our worship this day and seal us in the heart of Christ, our shepherd. Amen.**

ANTHEM *The Old Rugged Cross*  
Nicole Dickinson and Ashley Turner, soloists

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING [Mark 6:30-46](#) (NT p. 50)

†RESPONSE AFTER SCRIPTURE 263 WOLFE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;**

**I can feel his mighty power and his grace.**

**I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

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SERMON *Problem(s) Shared. Problem(s) Solved.* Rev. Fredd

HYMN 570 [Sweet Hour of Prayer!](#) SWEET HOUR

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone* Chris Tomlin  
Nicole Dickinson and Ashley Turner, soloists

†DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Bringer of peace, in gratitude for your steadfast care — for calling us to find nourishment and rest in your presence — we bring our gifts before you this day. May they extend the love of our shepherd to those in need. Amen.**

†HYMN 530 [I've Got Peace Like a River](#) PEACE LIKE A RIVER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rex Gloriae* Franz Joseph Haydn



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 21, 2024  
9 o'clock

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*Rev. Fredd Ward, Senior Pastor*  
*Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts*  
*Amanda Bethune, Director of Faith Formation*

† *Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!*