

# Sunday Worship

## June 22, 2025 10:00 am

*\*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

**Worship Theme:** Release of the Captives

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "Postlude in D" David Paxton

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Anita Stabler Hussey

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** Isaiah 61 Leader  
Leader: The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.  
**People:** **He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,**  
Leader: "For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing.  
**People:** **In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them.**  
Leader: Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples.  
**People:** **All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the Lord has blessed."**  
Leader: For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow,  
**People:** **so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "In Christ There is No East or West" UMH #548  
(v. 1,3,4)

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** by Denise Wiley Leader  
Heavenly Father, we thank you and praise you for the blessing of this day and time in worship. We call upon your power and mercy to pour over us now, especially in all the ways darkness consumes our hearts and the ways we live. We pray today for your loving presence and holy words to deliver us from bondage and that they will have a transformative impact in our lives. Let the mighty power of your

words soothe and lift our spirits, and open our hearts to you, O Lord who are all good and deserving of all our love. In the name of your son Jesus, we pray. Amen.

### **Words of Assurance**

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament Lesson:** [1 Samuel 16:14–23](#) (NRSVUE) Leader  
Lector: The Word of the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 8:26-39](#) (NRSVUE)  
Lector: The Word of God for the People of God  
**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Message** "Good News from a Demon" Pastor Chuck

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Hymn of Response** "As the Deer" TFWS #2025

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns** Pastoral Prayer

**\*Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Prayer (Unison)** by a UMCM Angel  
Almighty loving God, nothing is impossible for you. Even the forces of evil have no dominion over you. But that doesn't mean we are immune to these forces. We know we are vulnerable. But if You allow it, You can redeem it. Please Lord, use these gifts we offer up to you today for your honor and glory. We pray they will bring hope and soothing calm to those in need. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

## WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*Sending Hymn "There is A Balm In Gilead" UMH #375

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me " UMH #361  
(v. 1)

Postlude

*Join Us for Coffee Hour hosted by Rose Aiello*

### Coming Up:

**June 29th - Sunday Worship Service @10am** - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to understand how "Jesus is our Rock" ([Matthew 7:24-29](#)) as shared by Brenda P.! Come to support the ministry of our Laity!

---

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for  
**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)  
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)  
(Recorded Sessions)

Pastor: Reverend Charles J. Schif Liturgist: Anita Stabler Hussey  
Pianist/Organist: RoseAnne Homola Lay Leader: Patti Early  
Music Leaders: Patti Early and RoseAnne Homola

Email: [umc@umcmonroe.org](mailto:umc@umcmonroe.org) Telephone: 203.268.8395  
Web site: [www.umcmonroe.org](http://www.umcmonroe.org)  
Email: [Pastor@UMCMonroe.org](mailto:Pastor@UMCMonroe.org) Pastor's cell: 203.560.2220



### **Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdlLzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

### **United Methodist Church of Monroe**

*A member of the Eastern Fairfield Cooperative Parish*

515 Cutlers Farm Road  
Monroe, CT 06468

**June 22, 2025, 10:00 am**

***"Growing in the Body of Christ"***