

WORSHIPPING AT HOME

with UCC Westerly during the Covid-19 outbreak

April 19, 2020 First Sunday of Eastertide

- Create a small worship space in your home anywhere. Add a candle, a bible and perhaps a lily or daffodil or tulip to get that Easter feel.
- If you are doing this on your own, settle into your worship space around 9:30am on Sunday and begin...
- A reminder I will be streaming our worship service on Facebook Live beginning at 9:45am. You can still access it even if you are not on Facebook by going to the church website, www.uccwesterly.org, and clicking on the Facebook icon on the homepage.

Light your candle as a reminder of God's presence with you

Gathering Music

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 16)

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a glorious heritage.
I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; even at night my heart instructs me.
I have set the Lord always before me; the Lord is at my right hand;
I shall not be moved.

Opening Song - "In the Garden"

- 1. I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses
 And the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses
 Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
 and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there
 none other has ever known.
- He speaks and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing, And the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. <u>Refrain</u>
- 3. I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling But he bids me go through the voice of woe, his voice to me is calling. Refrain

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION (adapted from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi) Gracious and merciful Redeemer, you are the source of our healing and resurrection. Some days we feel lifeless, hopeless, dried up and cut off from one another like the dead bones of a desert valley. But you cause us to be knit together; you cover us with the flesh of strength; you breathe into us the Spirit of life and hope and prophecy; you raise us out of meaninglessness so that we can testify to your boundless love and new life always possible through him in whose name we pray, Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Morning Message

Living with Denial

Mark 14:66-72 Rev. Ruth

A TIME OF PRAYER

- ➤ If you are joining in the prayers during the Facebook Live broadcast, before worship take a few minutes to send them to me via text, email or Facebook message at least 20 minutes before the service begins.
- ➤ If you are using this worship resource on your own, after making your list of prayer concerns, sit in silence and let your mind calm down. When you are ready, aloud or just in your own mind, ask God to bless each of the persons and situations on your list.
- > End with the Lord's Prayer.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Acknowledgement of Gifts & Offerings*

*Doxology "Praise God from who all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen."

CLOSING SONG – "Give to the Wind Thy Fears"

- 1. Give to the wind thy fears; hope and be undismayed. God hears thy signs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.
- 2. Through waves and clouds and storms, God gently clears thy way; Wait thou God's time; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.
- 3. Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command; So shalt thou, wondering, own that way, how wise, how strong his hand.
- 4. Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare,
 And publish with our latest breath thy love and guardian care.

A Prayer of Benediction

May the God of peace be with you, stilling the heart that hammers with fear and doubt and confusion. And may the warm mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious. May the blessing of peace be on you and in you every moment of the week ahead. Amen.

Music as the Service ends

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\*On behalf of the leadership of UCC Westerly and myself, I would like to offer our deepest gratitude to our members and friends who have been so generous with their pledges and gifts to the church during this challenging time. We would also like to invite any of our new friends joining us now via Facebook Live to support the many vital ministries of this church. You may mail your checks, made payable to UCC Westerly, to us at 9 Castle Hill Road, Pawcatuck, CT 06379.

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VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP TIME!

> If you have access to a computer, tablet or an IPhone with a camera, you can join us for a Zoom Fellowship time by clicking on the link below at 11am. You will be able to see and chat with folks and they will be able to see and chat with you. Here is your invitation to the gathering:

Ruth Hainsworth is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday Fellowship

Time: Apr 5, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/387873891?pwd=UUNoaVltbjJMWU1naWh4QzZoWEUxZzo9

Meeting ID: 387 873 891

Password: 012305

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