



WORSHIP AT HOME

with UCC Westerly

September 6, 2020

**Broadcast from our beautiful sanctuary
on this Labor Day Weekend!!!**

□ This abbreviated At Home Worship Resource is for your use at home this coming Sunday. Create a small worship space in your home anywhere. Add a candle, a bible and perhaps a small summer bouquet!

□ Settle into your worship space around 9:30am on Sunday and begin. Make your list of prayer concerns. Then sit in silence and let your mind calm down. When you reach the Prayer Time in the service, 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 in whatever words are most comfortable for you. *If you would like me to include your prayer requests in the service, kindly send them to me by email or text prior to 9:30am.*

□ *Our service is broadcast on Facebook Live beginning at 9:45am. You can access the service through the church Facebook page, @UCC Westerly, or the church website www.uccwesterly.org where you can click on the Facebook symbol to be connected with the service.*

□ *This will be a Communion Service so please have your own elements ready! Whatever you choose to use will be fine.*

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

Gathering Music – “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

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CALL TO WORSHIP (Gifts of Many Cultures, Tirabassi & Eddy, p. 4)

Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us, so God's Spirit is ever present and around us. Come Creator into our lives. We live and move and have our very being in you. Open now the windows of our souls. Amen.

Opening Song – God Is Here!

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1. *God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

2. *Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;*

*Here are table, font and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech,
Here in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

3. *Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION -- A Native American Prayer

(Gifts of Many Cultures, Tirabassi & Eddy, p. 121)

O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me! I am small and weak, I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things You have made and my ears sharp to hear Your voice. Make me wise so that I may understand the things You have taught my people. Let me learn the lessons You have hidden in every leaf and rock. I seek strength, not to be greater than another, but to fight my greatest enemy – myself. Make me always ready to come to You with clean hands and straight eyes. So when life fades, as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to You without shame. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION*

Statement of Faith *(Gifts of Many Cultures, Tirabassi & Eddy, p. 121)*

**We are called to proclaim the truth. Let us together this day proclaim the truth about human worth and dignity. And let us believe:
It is NOT true that this world and its people are doomed to die and be lost.
This IS true: There is a future for the children of today.
It is NOT true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction.
This IS true: The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces and will remove disgrace of people from all the earth.
It is NOT true that violence and hatred should have the last word and that war and destruction have come to stay forever.
This IS true: The Lord foils the plans of nations and thwarts the purposes of the peoples, but the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of the heart of the Lord through all generations.
So, let us dream, let us prophesy, let us see visions of love. And let us seek peace and justice with humility, with joy and faith, with courage.**

COMMUNION HYMN -- "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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V. 1 -- *Let us break bread together on our knees (2 X)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Words of Invitation and Prayer

Sharing of the Elements

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world as your rainbow of hope in an uncertain world. Send us in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Morning Message

Strong & Courageous?

Joshua 1:1-9

Rev. Ruth

A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayers

Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer in whatever words are most comfortable for you

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Acknowledgement of Gifts & Offerings*

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

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CLOSING SONG – *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

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Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, the pace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION – [The New Century Hymnal, #875]

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God's entire being be lifted up upon you and give you peace. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Music as the Service ends – *With Might and Majesty*

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