



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP *with UCC Westerly*

October 4, 2020 @ 9:45am*
In-person worship
broadcast live from our sanctuary

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Gathering Music – “*God Has Been Good to Me*”
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PASTOR’S WELCOME

Prelude – “*O Lord, Our Refuge*”

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DEACON’S GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP -- Selected verses from Psalm 8

O God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? O God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

OPENING SONG – “*Morning Has Broken*”

[WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon & MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic melody; ©1989, United Methodist Publishing House]

- 1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*
- 2. Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Spring in completeness where his feet pass.*
- 3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning!
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s recreation of the new day!*

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[Arnold Kenseth, The New Century Hymnal, #826, © 1995, The Pilgrim Press]

Come, O Creator, O Immensity of love, O Eternity of mercy. Come and be with us and in us and beside us and over us. Be as hands upon us and fashion us for shining. Be as warmth within us and fire us up for caring. Be

as strength beside us and shape our lives for healing. Abide in our prayers, the spoken and the unspoken; and make your Word come true in our flesh; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Morning Message *Morning Has Broken*
Musical Meditation – *“Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”*

Mark 16:1-4

Rev. Ruth

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A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer & 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

Postlude – *“Andante Maestoso”*

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Points for Reflection

Welcome to my Fall Sermon Series on hymns and how they inform and deepen our faith. Each week, you are invited to read through the week’s focus scripture and reflect



on some questions intended to guide your thoughts on that text. Then, you will be invited to consider how the biblical text connects with the hymn's verses.

This week's text: Mark 16:1-4 (see below)

- This is the first part of one of the most famous stories in the Bible. Do you recognize which one? What is it?
- Why is the setting of this story, time-wise, so important?
- What problem is identified in this story? How is it resolved?
- How does this story illuminate the concept of new beginnings always possible with God?
- Which line of the hymn do you think captures the essence of this biblical text?

If you would like a copy of my sermon for this week, kindly contact me or Carol in the office and we will send you a copy with next week's Weekly Update.

Mark 16:1-4

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.

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**The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Via Facebook Live
Sunday, October 4, 2020
9:00 am**

WELCOME

STATEMENT OF FAITH -- “A New Creed”

[from the United Church of Canada as it appears in the New Century Hymnal, #887, © 1995, The Pilgrim Press]

We believe in God:

Who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

To celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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.

BENEDICTION & CLOSING HYMN – “Let Us Break Bread Together”

V. 3 -- *Let us praise God 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.