



## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

*with UCC Westerly  
during Epiphanytide*

**January 10, 2021 @ 9:45am**  
**Broadcast live from our sanctuary**

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### **PASTOR'S WELCOME**

#### **Prelude** — *"God Is Our Refuge and Strength"*

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#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** —

[A prayer written by Terry Waite, adapted from THE IONA PRAYERBOOK, Peter W. Millar, Ed. ©1998, Canterbury Press, UK. All rights reserved.]

As we gather this morning in this sacred place, we invite Jesus to give us some of his Spirit to comfort the places in our hearts where we hurt. Then, may we receive more of that Spirit to comfort other people.

#### **OPENING SONG** — *When Our Confidence Is Shaken*

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1. *When our confidence is shaken in beliefs we thought secure,  
When the spirit in its sickness seeks but cannot find a cure,  
God is active in the tensions of a faith not yet mature,  
Of a faith not yet mature.*
2. *In the discipline of praying, when it's hardest to believe,  
In the drudgery of caring, when it's not enough to grieve;  
Faith maturing, learns acceptance of the insights we receive,  
Of the insights we receive.*

#### **UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

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**Lord Christ, enable me to place my trust in you, and so to live in the present moment. So often I forget that you long for peace and healing in my mind and heart. Your song pierces even my darkest days, and your hands are always and everywhere, the source of my journey to wholeness and that inner springtime which is your gift alone. Jesus, the Risen One, in your name we pray. Amen.**

**THE MORNING MESSAGE** – The first in a sermon series on healing.

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 8:1-16

*Message – “Only Speak the Word”*

Rev. Ruth

*Meditation Music – “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”*

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## **A TIME OF PRAYER**

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayers

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

Musical response

## **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 – “Standing in the Need of Prayer”**

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1. Refrain: *It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.  
Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.  
Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.*

2. Refrain:  
*Not the preacher, not the Deacon ...*

3. Refrain:  
*Not my father, not my mother ...*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION**

[adapted from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi, ©1990, The Pilgrim Press, p. 242]

Like a rock, God is under our feet. Like a roof, God is over our heads. Like the horizon, God is beyond us. Like water in a pitcher, God is within us and in the pouring out of us. Like a pebble in the sea, we are in God. Let us go out and help to heal our world, as God has healed our lives. Amen.

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **POSTLUDE – “Acclamation of Praise”**

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## **Matthew 8:1-16**

When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.' He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. Then Jesus said to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.'

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, 'Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress.' And he said to him, 'I will come and cure him.' The centurion answered, 'Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, 'Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' And to the centurion Jesus said, 'Go; let it be done for you according to your faith.' And the servant was healed in that hour.

When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever; he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were possessed by demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word and cured all who were sick.