



## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** *with UCC Westerly during Epiphanytide*

**January 31, 2021 @ 9:45am**  
**Broadcast live from our sanctuary**

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### **PASTOR'S WELCOME**

#### **Prelude** – *“Evening Prayer”*

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#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** –

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We gather together in this Covid way of connecting via scattered computer screens, missing being together and yet grateful for this immediate connection between home and church. We gather from wherever we are, eager to glimpse a reflection of God's presence in our lives in these challenging moments. We come to refresh the dry and thirsty ground of our body and spirit. We ask you to come into our midst, Friend Jesus, to bathe us in your confident love to make even our inner deserts burst into flower.

#### **OPENING SONG** -- *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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1. *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of Glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*
2. *Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all within its span.  
Ever singing march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

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

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**Lord Jesus Christ, Lover of all, we hold before you: those burdened by regrets and anxieties, those broken in spirit or in body, those torn by relationships and doubts, those who feel deeply the divisions and injustices of our world, and all those who carry them in prayer this day. And so, Sweet Jesus, we pray for ourselves and the strength to be who you need us to be in this moment and in the week ahead. Amen.**

**THE MORNING MESSAGE –**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 8:41-56

*Message – Just in Time*

Meditation Music – *“There Is a Balm in Gilead”*

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.

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 – Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult**

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1. *Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild restless sea;  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying “Christian, follow me.”*
  
2. *Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”*
  
3. *Jesus calls us – by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,  
Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION – from Paul’s letter to the church at Philippi**

“Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard ... and may the God of peace ... be with you,” this day and forever more. (Philippians 4:8-9)

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POSTLUDE – “Echo Alleluia”**

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## **Luke 8:41-56**

Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying.

As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.' But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.' When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.'

While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.' When Jesus heard this, he replied, 'Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.' When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, 'Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, 'Child, get up!' Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

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