



## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

*with UCC Westerly  
during Epiphanytide*

**February 14, 2021 @ 9:45am**  
**Broadcast live from our sanctuary**

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### **PASTOR'S WELCOME**

#### **Prelude** — *“With Wings Like Eagles”*

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#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** —

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We come together this morning, beloved of Jesus, whether we know it or, whether we are transformed by that knowledge or not. We come together with some of us burdened by regrets and anxieties, with some of us broken in spirit or in body, with some of us torn by difficult relationships, with some of us feeling deeply the injustices and divisions of our world. We come together to carry each other through all this in prayer and in love. Let us worship God together.

#### **OPENING SONG** -- *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

[ WORDS: Charles Wesley & MUSIC: John Zundel ©Public Domain, *Worship & Rejoice* #358]

1. *Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*
2. *Breathe, o breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

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

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**We come to you, Precious Jesus, as the one who understands us so much better than we understand ourselves. You accept our brokenness. You walk with the wounded and the weary along the road of the world's suffering. You offer grace and healing for the bruised people and places of our time. Your Spirit illumines even the darkest night for us so we come. Yes, we do come, Sweet Jesus. Just as we are, we come. Amen.**

**THE MORNING MESSAGE –**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 4:1-11

*Message – Healed by Temptation*

Rev. Ruth

*Meditation Music – “Heal Me, Hands of Jesus”*

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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 – *Softly and Tenderly***

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1. *Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
See, on the portals, he’s waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and for me.  
Refrain: Come home (come home) come home (come home) ye who are weary  
come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*
  
2. *Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?  
Refrain*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION—** [A Scottish Blessing: author unknown]

May you carry always in your heart the sure and certain knowledge that – The light of God surrounds you; the love of God enfolds you; the power of God protects you; the presence of God watches over you. Trust that where you are, God is already there. Always. Amen.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POSTLUDE – “Echo Alleluia”**

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**MATTHEW 4:1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was

famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",  
and "On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him." '

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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