



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
with UCC Westerly
during Lent

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

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

Prelude — *“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”*

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP —

[Toyohiko Kagawa in *The Iona Prayer Book*, Peter Millar, Ed. © 2000. All rights reserved. p. 130]

Don't hide, don't run, but rather discover in the midst of fragmentation a new way forward: a different kind of journey marked by its fragility, uncertainty, and lack of definition. And on that path to hold those hands that even in their brokenness create a new tomorrow.

OPENING SONG *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

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1. *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!*
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration!
2. *Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;*
Sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. *Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;*
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriends you.

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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Loving God, open our hearts so that we may feel the breath and play of your Spirit. Unclench our hands so that we may reach out to one another, and touch and be healed. Open our lips so that we may drink in the delight and wonder of life. Open our eyes so that we may see Christ in friend and stranger. Breathe your Spirit into us and touch our lives with the life of Christ. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE –

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:11-15 & 2 Peter 1:5-8

Message – *The Gifts of Generosity & Self-Control*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”*

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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

Anthem – “The Old Rugged Cross”

Tone Chimes Choir

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Acknowledgement of Gifts & Offerings*

Doxology: [©Public Domain]

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

CLOSING SONG – “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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- 1. Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.*
- 2. Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts of God unfold.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION—

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE – “Go Ye in Peace”

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## 2 Corinthians 9:11-15

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to

the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

## **2 Peter 1:5-8**

For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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