



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
with UCC Westerly
during Lent

March 7, 2021 @ 9:45am
Broadcast live from our sanctuary

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

Prelude — *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP —

[Ron Ferguson in *The Iona Prayer Book*, Peter Millar, Ed. © 2000. All rights reserved. p. 8]

To become aware of the sacramental nature of the cosmos; to be open to the sacramental possibilities of each moment; to see the face of Christ in every person; these things are not novel, but their rediscovery is the beginning of our health.

OPENING SONG -- *“As We Gather at Your Table”*

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1. *As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own.
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.*
2. *Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave.
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.*

A SIMPLE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Statement of Faith [Taken from the daily liturgy for morning worship, The Iona Community]

**With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

**With people everywhere, we affirm God's goodness at the heart of
humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

**With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding
purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

Words of Invitation, Explanation and Consecration

Song of Preparation — *Let Us Break Bread Together*

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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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: **Loving God, we give you thanks for this time of refreshment at the table of Jesus. Renew our faith, refresh our souls and increase our love for each other and all of your beloved people. Fill us each day with the light of your presence showing us the way forward through life you would have us follow. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from *The Iona Prayer Book*, Peter Millar, Ed. © 2000. All rights reserved. p. 8]

Lord of the morning, we awake to this new day with all of its possibilities, its uncertainties, its many faces, and its underlying mystery. May we be able – in your strength – to move through this day free of anger, or bitterness, so that when we meet our neighbors or encounter strangers, we may recognize your face. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE –

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:12-17 & 1 Thessalonians 2:5-8

Message – The Gifts of Kindness & Gentleness

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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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 – “*When I Survey the Wondrous 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 – “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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1. *There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;*
There’s a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
2. *For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;*
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION— [Numbers 6:24-26]

May God bless you and keep you. May God’s face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May God’s countenance be lifted up upon you and give you peace. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE – “Go with God”

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### **Colossians 3:12-17**

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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