



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

*with UCC Westerly
during Eastertide
EARTH DAY SUNDAY!!!*

April 18, 2021 @ 9:45am

**In-person &
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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP –

[Ed McGaa, “Eagle Man” *Earth Prayers*, Roberts & Amidon, Eds. ©1991, Harper San Francisco, P. 96.]

Let us think of Mother Earth, her rich bounty that will result from springtime, the golden corn and the seeds of harvest, all grown strong from Mother Earth, the spring rains, and the energy of Father Sky. It is time to consider healing: Healing of ourselves, healing of a loved one, healing of adversaries for peace among nations, and healing of the harms done to Mother Earth.

OPENING SONG – “Many and Great”

[MUSIC: Native American melody arr. Jack Schrader, WORDS: Joseph R. Renville; para. Philip Frazier ©2001 Hope Publishing Company. Used by Permission. CCLI Copyright License 21022161, *Worship & Rejoice* #26]

1. *Many and great, O God, are your works, Maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars; your fingers spread
The mountains and plains. Lo, at your word the waters were formed;
Deep seas obey your voice.*
2. *Grant unto us communion with you, O star-abiding One.
Come unto us and dwell with us; with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with you.*

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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We join with the earth and with each other: To bring new life to the land, to restore the waters, to refresh the air. We join with the earth and with each other: To renew the forests, to care for the plants, to protect the creatures. We join with the earth and with each other: To celebrate the seas, to rejoice in the sunlight, to sing the song of stars. We join with the earth and with each other: To recreate the

human community, to promote justice and peace, to remember our children. We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery: for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE –

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:35-41

Message – “*Who Then Is This...*”

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – “*Touch the Earth Lightly*”

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A TIME OF PRAYER

A blessing of the laborers caring for the UCC Westerly grounds

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayers

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

Musical response

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Anthem – “*Now the Green Blade Rises*”

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 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

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1. Refrain: *All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.*

2. Refrain

*God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION—

[adapted from a poem by Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav, *Earth Prayers*, Roberts & Amidon, Eds. ©1991, Harper San Francisco, Used by Permission. CCLI Copyright License 21022161. p. 103]

May God grant each of us the ability to be alone. May it become our custom to go outdoors each day among the trees and grasses, among all growing things and there be alone and enter into prayer to talk with the one to whom we all belong. And there may we rediscover and celebrate the love of God, the peace of Christ and the energy of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE – “Grand Processional”

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Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

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