



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

*with UCC Westerly
during Eastertide*

April 11, 2021 @ 9:45am

**In-person &
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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – *“Lead On, O King Eternal”*

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP –

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This morning we gather just as we are to remember and retain Easter in our hearts. We gather to hear again the Good News of Jesus Christ, that his life and love could not be stamped out, that his resurrection gives a whole new meaning to hope bringing new life to where before there had been only struggles and pain. We gather to praise and celebrate this, our amazing truth as the people of the Empty Cross.

OPENING SONG – *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*

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- 1. Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled –
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory now is risen from the dead.*
- 2. Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your heart on things above;
There in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love;
Hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side!
Now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.*

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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God of all worlds and all time, we gather voicing thanks for this season of resurrection. May our worship be as an Eastertide. Wash over us and seep into us to refresh and to cleanse. Let us hear the thunderous sound of good news as it breaks upon the hardness that sometimes encases our hearts. May the waves of this Eastertide buoy us up and beckon us to the adventure of resurrection living. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE –

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-32

Message – *Miraculous New Life*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – “Christ, the Lord, Is Risen!”

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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 Peace Like a River*”

Julie Grillo, Michael Grillo, Esther Nacci

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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 – *In the Garden* [© Public Domain]

1. *I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.
Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

2. *He speaks and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.
Refrain*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION—

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Christ is the Way. Follow and find freedom. Christ is the Life. Receive and rejoice. Christ is the Truth. Seek, sure that those who seek find. All the blessings of God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, be with you now and all your days.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE – “*Hosanna*”

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## Luke 24:13-32

Now on that same day village called Emmaus, Jerusalem, and talking these things that had talking and discussing,



two of them were going to a about seven miles from with each other about all happened. While they were Jesus himself came near and

went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

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