



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

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In-person &

Broadcast live from our sanctuary

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – *“I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”*

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship God with gladness; come into God's presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us and we are God's people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to God and bless God's name. For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

OPENING SONG – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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1. *O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.*
2. *Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.*
3. *Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.*
4. *A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.*

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi, Eds., ©1990, United Church Press, p. 80]

God, you are the source of all life and of our life together in this community of your faithful, gathered and scattered as we are. Bring us together in this sacred moment that we might be a holy community of your beloved people. Mold us by the breath of your Holy Spirit and reveal in this corporate body the face of the Risen Christ. Amen.

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.**

THE MORNING MESSAGE –

Scripture Reading: John 6:1-15

Message – “You Feed Them...”

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – *“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”*

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A TIME OF PRAYER

Blessing of the Furry Friends Donations

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayers

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

Musical response

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Anthem – *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

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 – *The Summons*

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1. *Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?*

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. *Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?*

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

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.

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

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Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE – “Let Praise Ring Forth”

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John 6:1-15

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?’ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, ‘Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?’ Jesus said, ‘Make the people sit down.’ Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.’ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.