



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!

May 30, 2021 @ 9:45am

In-person &

Broadcast live from our sanctuary

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – *“Battle Hymn of the Republic”*

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP –

[adapted from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi, Eds., ©1990, United Church Press, p. 93]

Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us. Let us worship Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who lives among us, daring us to recognize him in the people we meet. Let us worship the Holy Spirit, the Holy Fire, who renews us. Let us worship our God the miraculous Three-In-One whose grace enfolds us always.

OPENING SONG – *“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”*

[MUSIC: Daniel C. Roberts & WORDS: George W. Warren, ©Public Domain, *Worship & Rejoice* #728]

- 1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before your throne arise.*
- 2. Your love divine has led us in the past,
In this free land by you our lot is cast;
Be now our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,
Your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.*
- 3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence
Be your strong arm our ever sure defense;
Your true religion in our hearts increase,
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from the ritual of Morning Prayer for the Iona Community]

Most Merciful and Kind God, before You, here amongst Your people, let us remember how easy it is for us to turn away from You without even realizing that is what we are doing. Help us to see that we turn away from you every time we wound our own lives, the lives of others or the life of the earth, whether or not we

are intentional in that wounding. Help us to receive most humbly your gift of grace in your forgiveness for all the times we fall short of your hopes for us. Enable Christ to renew us always even as the Holy Spirit empowers us to grow in love. All this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE –

Scripture Reading: Psalm 31:1-16

Message – *Broken Vessels*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – *“Rise Up, O Saints of God”*

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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 – *“My Country 'Tis of Thee”*

Tone Chimes Choir

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Acknowledgement of Gifts & Offerings*

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“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 – “America the Beautiful”

[MUSIC: Samuel A. Ward & WORDS: Katharine L. Bates ©Public Domain]

- 1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!*
- 2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION— [adapted from Romans 12]

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold onto what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor all persons. Honor all Creation. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may the love of God, the Light of Christ and the power and communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Go in peace. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE – “Jesus Shall Reign”

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Psalm 31:1-16

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.
You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,
but I trust in the LORD.
I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love,
because you have seen my affliction;
you have taken heed of my adversities,
and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;
you have set my feet in a broad place.
Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.
For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.

I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.
I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.
For I hear the whispering of many—
terror all around!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.
But I trust in you, O LORD;

I say, 'You are my God.'
My times are in your hand;
 deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
Let your face shine upon your servant;
 save me in your steadfast love.