



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP *with UCC Westerly*

HAPPY SUMMER!

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In-person &
Broadcast live from our sanctuary
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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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May the peace of God rest upon our busy lives so that we may be quieted into prayer.
May the love of God flow through our worship words that they may come alive in our hearts.
May the grace of God seek out our every need and may the restless gospel set our hearts afire.

OPENING SONG -- *Hymn of Promise*

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- 1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed an apple tree;
In cocoons a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*
- 2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it means a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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Gracious and holy God, we come to you because you have first come to us. We know you because you have revealed yourself to us. Give us in this time of worship a new sense of your Spirit breathing through us. Lift our hearts with the wings of song, heal our souls with the balm of prayer, enliven our minds with the words of scripture and interpretation, and newly enable us to dedicate our strength, our substance, and our service to your work in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus. 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.

Song of Preparation – *Let Us Break Bread Together*

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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.

Words of Invitation, Explanation and Consecration

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: Genesis 1:1 – 2:3 (selected verses)

Message – “*Very Good*”

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music: ""We Remember You"

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A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayers & Silent Prayer

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM -- "As the Deer "

Performed by Erin Blake

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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 *Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult*

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1. *Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, “Christian, follow me.”*
2. *Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”*
3. *In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toils and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”*

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 – "Postlude"

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### Genesis 1:1 – 2:3 (selected verses)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, *the first day.*

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, *the second day.*

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." ... And it was so. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, *the third day.*

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ... And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, *the fourth day.*

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ... And there was evening and there was morning, *the fifth day*.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ... And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; ... So God created humankind in his image, ... male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth ... . God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was *very good*. And there was evening and there was morning, *the sixth day*.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and *he rested on the seventh day* from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.