



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

HAPPY SUMMER!

July 11, 2021 @ 9:45am

In-person &

Broadcast live from our sanctuary

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – “Rock of Ages”

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

[adapted from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi, Eds., ©1990, United Church Press, p. 97]

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 -- “Jesus, the Very thought of Thee”

[WORDS: translated from the Latin by Edward Caswall, Music by John B. Dykes © Public Domain, *Worship & Rejoice* #420]

1. Jesus the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.
2. O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who ask, how kind thou art, how good to those who seek!

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi, Eds., ©1990, United Church Press, p. 104]

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.

THE MORNING MESSAGE –

Scripture Reading: 3 John v. 1-15

Message – “Why Write Letters?”

The Deacons

Meditation Music: “Not with Naked Eye”

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A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayers

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Lead On, O King Eternal Julie Grillo, Clarinet Solo

[MUSIC: Henry T. Smart. ©Public Domain, *Worship & Rejoice* #508]

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 -- “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

[WORDS: Charles Wesley & MUSIC: John Zundel, ©Public Domain, *Worship & Rejoice*, #358]

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION—

[adapted from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi, Eds., ©1990, United Church Press, p. 243]

God sends you forth from the gathered church to be ambassadors for Christ. God looks for anyone who lift instead of lean, help instead of hinder. Go to claim a corner of the world for God and may God’s Spirit go with you and abide with you. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE – “Light Eternal”

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3 John v. 1-15

The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul. I was overjoyed when some of the friends arrived and testified to your faithfulness to the truth, namely, how you walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the friends, even though they are strangers to you; they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on in a manner worthy of God; for they began their journey for the sake of Christ, accepting no support from non-believers. Therefore we ought to support such people, so that we may become co-workers with the truth.

I have written something to the church; but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. So if I come, I will call attention to what he is doing in spreading false charges against us. And not content with those charges, he refuses to welcome the friends, and even prevents those who want to do so and expels them from the church.

Beloved, do not imitate what is evil but imitate what is good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. Everyone has testified favorably about Demetrius, and so has the truth itself. We also testify for him, and you know that our testimony is true.

I have much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink; instead I hope to see you soon, and we will talk together face to face.

Peace to you. The friends send you their greetings. Greet the friends there, each by name.