



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

HAPPY SUMMER!

August 15, 2021 @ 9:45am
In-person &
Broadcast live from our sanctuary
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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – "They'll Know We Are Christians"

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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 -- "*We Are the Church*"

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Refrain: *I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!*

All who follow Jesus all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

- 1. The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people. Refrain.*
- 2. We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
All colors and all ages too, from all times and places. Refrain.*
- 3. And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying: Refrain.*

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: Genesis 18:1-15

Message – *A Mature Woman’s Guide to Resiliency*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music: "Christus, Der Ist Mein Leben"

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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 -- "Speak, O Lord"

Performed by Jim Stott

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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 – “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

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1. *We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. (2 X)*
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.
Refrain: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

2. *We will work with each other; we will work side by side. (2 X)*
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride.
Refrain

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 will 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 – "The Golden Trumpet"

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### **Genesis 17:1-15**

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, ‘My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.’ So they said, ‘Do as you have said.’ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, ‘Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.’ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, ‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ And he said, ‘There, in the tent.’ Then one said, ‘I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.’ And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, ‘After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?’ The LORD said to Abraham, ‘Why did Sarah laugh, and say, “Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?” Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.’ But Sarah denied, saying, ‘I did not laugh’; for she was afraid. He said, ‘Oh yes, you did laugh.’

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