



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 – "Love Is the Only Power"

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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 -- "*Many and Great*"

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1. *Many and great, O God, are your works, Maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars; your fingers spread
The mountains and plains. Lo, at your word the waters were formed;
Deep seas obey your voice.*
2. *Grant unto us communion with you, O star abiding One.
Come unto us and dwell with us; with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with you.*

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 9:8-17

Message – *Chasing Rainbows*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music: "Thank You, Lord"

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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 -- "How Can I Keep from Singing?"

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Performed by Melissa Stratton and Carolyn LeRoy

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 – "Through the Darkness of the Ages"

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- 1. Through the darkness of the ages, through the sorrows of the days,
Strength of weary generations, lifting hearts in hope and praise,
Light in darkness, joy in sorrow, presence to allay all fears.
Jesus, you have kept your promise, faithful through two thousand years.*
- 2. Bounty of two thousand harvests, beauty of two thousand springs;
He who framed the times and seasons has vouch-safed us greater things.
Word of God who spoke creation speaks forgiveness, speaks to save,
Gathers still his ransomed people, in the life he freely gave.*

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 – "Living for Christ"

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## **Genesis 9:8-17**

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature

that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”