



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

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In-person &

Broadcast live from our sanctuary

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP --

[inspired by a prayer in *Calling on God*, Peter Bankson & Deborah Sokolove, ©2014 Skylight Paths Publishing, p. 108]
Welcome to this sacred place of connection with God where we wrestle with those things beyond our understanding. This morning we revel in the sounds and sights of life that surround us. We celebrate bright blue sky and heavy, dark clouds our new Cross Window reveals. We recall grasslands and forests, oceans and rivers and waterfalls, beyond our seeing in this moment but part of the sacred world entrusted to us. This morning we also celebrate our connection to the worldwide fellowship of Christ as we pray for all that we hope will be.

OPENING SONG -- *In Christ There Is No East or West*

W&R #600

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from *Calling on God*, Peter Bankson & Deborah Sokolove, ©2014 Skylight Paths Publishing, p. 107]

Holy Maker of all that is, the heavens tell of your glory, the sky proclaims that you are God. Your holy Word is more than any words we can say, more than all the voices of humankind, greater than the sounds of all creation. In our songs and in our silence, in our stories and in our prayers, fill us with your Holy Spirit and lead us ever more deeply into the life and work of your beloved Son, 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.

Hymn 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 and Prayer

Sharing of the Elements

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world as your rainbow of hope in an uncertain world. Send us in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE –

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Message – *Sacramental Memory*

Rev. Ruth & Others

Meditation Music: "We Meet as Friends at Table"

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DEDICATION OF THE CROSS WINDOW *in memory of Becky Morrone and Connie Hill*

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us dedicate this Cross Window and rejoice in the wonder and awe it brings to our hearts. May it honor our Triune God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit even as it reminds us of two of our saints, Connie Hill and Becky Morrone in whose memory this window is dedicated.

Leader: Holy One, let Your blessing be upon this window and grant that it may give You glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: We dedicate this window.

Lay leader: May it bring light and warmth to our church through all the seasons of the year.

Congregation: We dedicate this window.

Leader: May it inspire us to find in this sanctuary a place of peace and refuge for all who seek solace and comfort, wonder and hope, love and belonging.

Congregation: We dedicate this window.

Leader: May it remind us always of the beauty of Your creative hand revealed in nature.

Congregation: We dedicate this window.

Leader: May it call forth from us the desire to engage even more completely in this church's ministries of extravagant welcome and love to all.

Congregation: We dedicate this window.

Leader: May it remind us of our debt of gratitude to all who donated the funds to make this new window a reality, and to all whose labors of love for it brought us to this point and will carry us forward into the future you have in mind for us.

Congregation: We dedicate this window.

Leader: May it serve as a remembrance of those of our number who have finished their pilgrimage here on earth but remain in our hearts and minds as long as we draw breath.

Congregation: We now, the people of the United Congregational Church of Westerly, United Church of Christ, dedicate this window in memory of Becky Morrone and Connie Hill, trusting always that it will comfort and inspire us. Help us to see ourselves more clearly through its panes of clear glass that we may be the church God needs us to be in this time and place. Enable us to find in its carefully designed reinforced structure the strength we need to stay true to our call to be God’s people in the fragile and frightened world outside our doors. May this window illumine our sanctuary, our hearts and our minds whenever we gather here to search for God, to seek solace, inspiration and direction for our own lives and the life of this church. In the name of Jesus whom we hope to see even more clearly in our midst, Amen.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayers & Silent Prayer

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

Musical Response

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM -- "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" Performed by Jim Stott

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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 -- “Sanctuary”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION— Numbers 6:25

May God bless you and keep you. May God’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God’s entire being 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 – "Recessional"

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### **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.