



# **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

*with UCC Westerly*

**WELCOME TO HOMECOMING SUNDAY!**

**September 12, 2021 @ 9:45am**  
**In-person &**  
**Broadcast live from our sanctuary**  
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## **PASTOR'S WELCOME**

**PRELUDE – "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

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## **DEACON'S WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP -- A Prayer for Wisdom** (paraphrased)

[*The Love of Eternal Wisdom*, Rabbi Rami Shapiro, ©2011 Wisdom House/Daughters of Wisdom, p. 2]

May God listen to our babbling as if it were clear and compelling. May God know that each stroke of the pen is a quest for God's presence. May God make of our stumblings a road straight and true.

**OPENING SONG – "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"** #59 W&R [©Public Domain]

*As we sing, you are invited to come forward at the direction of the Deacons to claim hymnals for your pew! You can choose hymnals for the folks you chose to honor with a hymnal or you can just pick any one. When everyone has taken a hymnal back to their pew, we will sing one more verse, this time out of the hymnal!!!*

- 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of Glory, Lord of Love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*
- 2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.*
- 3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother – all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

## **UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION --**

[*Calling on God*, Peter Bankson & Deborah Sokolove, ©2014 Skylight Paths Publishing, p. 101]

**Holy, mysterious Lover of all you have made, you call us to become your people: to remember ancient stories, to love our neighbors, to sing and praise your name. In our prayers and in our silence, in our songs and in our laughter, in our tears and in our wonder, help us to know that you are always with us and among us. As we remember the terror of the past, as we face the horror of today's disasters, give us the commitment and the courage to live in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.**

#### **THE MORNING MESSAGE –**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 5:14-16

**Message –** *Who Are We Anyway?*

Rev. Ruth

**Meditation Music:** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

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#### **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 -- "This Is a Time to Remember"** performed by Ed Stratton

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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 "Now Thank We All Our God"** #14 W&R [©Public Domain]

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION** *Colossians 3:12-17*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. ... Bear with one another... let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts ... and whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in Jesus' name, giving thanks to God. Amen.

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POSTLUDE – "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem"**

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## **Matthew 5:14-16**

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.