



# **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

*with UCC Westerly*

**September 19, 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 --**

[inspired by a prayer in *Calling on God*, Peter Bankson & Deborah Sokolove, ©2014 Skylight Paths Publishing, p. 103]  
We gather in this place to remind ourselves that we are God's people, that God is our God. We gather to celebrate the good news that God receives us as we are. We gather in awe and wonder to acknowledge that in the unfolding mystery of this adventure we call life, God meets us where we are and guides us forward on the path that leads to God's desires for us, each and every day.

### **OPENING SONG – *What A Friend We Have in Jesus***

*W&R #473*

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## **UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

[adapted from *Calling on God*, Peter Bankson & Deborah Sokolove, ©2014 Skylight Paths Publishing, p. 103]  
God of loving care, this week reminds us that the year is heading for its end: the sky washed clean by long, persistent storms; the first cold night and crisp Sunday morning; the first small acorns on the roof. O God of centuries and seasons, we give thanks that you are still with us even in the midst of war and rancor, through fire and flood, pandemic and peace, you are close enough to touch our lives. Thanks be to you, O Holy One, for all the ways you teach and guide: for parables and dark sayings; covenants and commandments; for prophets and teachers, lovers and leaders. Your love for us flows through all. Hear our prayers, O Holy Lover of all, as we give thanks for the opportunity to share with all who are in need in our midst and beyond our doors. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

## **THE MORNING MESSAGE –**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 6:19-21

**Message – *The Heart of Us***

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 -- "You Raise Me Up"

Performed by Jim Stott

WORDS: by Brendan Graham, MUSIC: by Rolf Lovland, ©2001 Universal Music Publishing, CCLI SongSelect #4434612

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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** -- *Lord, Speak to Me*

W&R #593

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

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## **MATTHEW 6:19-21**

‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.