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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP *with UCC Westerly*

September 26, 2021 @ 9:45am
In-person &
Broadcast live from our sanctuary
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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – "Savior, Teach Me Day by Day"

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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. 105]
Our God is a great lover of uniqueness and variety as revealed in all Creation, including us. Our God is a God of hope and work as well as failure and forgiveness. Knowing this we gather today to know more of ourselves as beloved of God, as a community of God's people here in this time and place, a tiny part of the body of Christ.

OPENING SONG – "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from *Calling on God*, Peter Bankson & Deborah Sokolove, ©2014 Skylight Paths Publishing, p. 103]

O Holy One, we pray that you will fill us with your Spirit as we worship in the name of Jesus the Christ this day. We know that you are present with us. Again and again, you have brought your people into new lands, filled their hearts with gladness, lifted them above the flood, and offered them life-giving water, flowing from dry stones. We praise you for the brightness of this season, this time of harvest when many things are ending, and a time of rest is drawing near. We praise you for these signs of change in our own lives as well. May we see in them your presence in our midst. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE –

Scripture Reading: James 5:13-16

Message – *Prayers of the Faithful*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music: "Hear Our Prayer"

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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 -- Let Every Christian Pray"

Performed by Melissa Stratton

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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 -- *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

[A Scottish Prayer. Anonymous]

May the Light of God surround you, the Love of God enfold you, the Power of God protect you and the Presence of God watch over you. May you always know that wherever you are, God already is. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE – "Procession of the Trumpets"

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## **JAMES 5: 13-16**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.