



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

October 10, 2021 @ 9:45am

In-person &

Broadcast live from our sanctuary

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Gathering Music – *The Waves You Make*

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PASTOR’S WELCOME

PRELUDE – *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

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DEACON’S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP --

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Welcome, all, to this gathering of God’s Beloved as we remember that we are God’s Beloved. Whether gathered in one place, or sitting at home alone, we are each precious to God. We gather in this way because God calls us to. God calls us into personhood and into community to sing and celebrate the mystery of God’s presence in our lives.

OPENING SONG – “*What A Friend We Have in Jesus*”

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from *Calling on God*, Peter Bankson & Deborah Sokolove, ©2014 Skylight Paths Publishing, p. 110]

Eternal, nurturing fountain of love whom we call God, your greatness is beyond the best description we can offer. Your love pours forth in streams of living water, the earth is filled to overflowing with your love. We remember in this moment that your steadfast love endures forever, embracing and forgiving all who turn to you. Hear us as we speak, and as our hearts are opened to share our inmost selves with you. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE –

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-45

Message – “*When Was It That We Saw You*”

Rev. Ruth

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 --
Acknowledgement of Gifts & Offerings*

Performed by Doug Brummund

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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 -- *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

[from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi, Eds., ©1990 The Pilgrim Press, p. 243]

The way is long, let us go together. The way is difficult, let us help each other. The way is joyful, let us share it. The way is Christ's for Christ is the Way. Let us follow. The way is open before us, let us go: with the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE – *Largo*

[from The Symphony No. 9 in E Minor "From the New World", Op. 95, B. 178, composed by Antonín Dvořák in 1893]

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## Matthew 25:31-45

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take

care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me."