



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

October 17, 2021 @ 9:45am

In-person &

Broadcast live from our sanctuary

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Gathering Music –

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PASTOR’S WELCOME

PRELUDE – "Celebrate Life"

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DEACON’S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP --

[adapted from *Calling on God*, Peter Bankson & Deborah Sokolove, ©2014 Skylight Paths Publishing, p. 111]

We gather once again to celebrate the covenant that binds us to God and to each other, here in this time and place. We call out to our God, the God of the open future, like Moses who said, “if we have found favor in your sight, show us your ways.” We gather this day as people committed to the Way of Christ, our Redeemer and our Friend.

OPENING SONG – “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

W&R #134

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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God of birth, death and resurrection, we are bound together by our knowledge of your love for us. We see it as we work for justice in the places where you call us. We see it in the way we care for one another, the love and caring that flows within the family of faith. Hear now the prayers of praise and thanks we lift to you, for all the power of your presence in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

WELCOMING SONG – *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

W&R #677, v. 1&2

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WORDS OF INTRODUCTION

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament as members of this household of faith this day promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized as she lives and grows in Christ?

Response: We promise our love, support and care.

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

PRESENTATIONS

CLOSING SONG – *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

W&R #677, v. 3 & 4

THE MORNING MESSAGE –

Scripture Reading: Mark 1: 9-11

Message – *Named as Beloved* Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music - "Lord, We Bring to You Our Children"

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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 -- "O Sing Unto the Lord"

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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 -- "God Be with You"

W&R #716, v. 1 & 3

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION from 1 Thessalonians 5:13-16

"Be at peace among yourselves. ... Encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all. ... [Do not] repay evil for evil, but always seek to do good. ... Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances." May the peace of God, the grace-filled love of Jesus and unquenchable energy of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and forever more. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE – "Recessional"

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**Mark 1:9-11**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'