



**SUNDAY MORNING  
WORSHIP**  
*with UCC Westerly*

**October 24, 2021 @ 9:45am**  
**In-person &**  
**Broadcast live from our sanctuary**  
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**Gathering Music –**

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**PASTOR'S WELCOME**

**PRELUDE – "What a Friend"**

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**DEACON'S WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP --**

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We gather as God's Beloved Community in this time and place today. May we know in this moment that even when we seem to have little or no control over the circumstances of our lives, God's promise to be with us always is true and real. May our time together this morning enable us to feel cradled in the warmth and security of God's unfailing grace.

**OPENING SONG – "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" W&R #581, v. 1, 2, 4**

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**UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

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**God of love and healing, we know that we can never heal the world, and yet we also know we are called to give ourselves to stewardship of that small part of creation where you are calling us. Holy God, teach us to be obedient to the great commandments, to love you so completely that there's time for nothing else, and then to love our neighbors, even those we do not know or like. Hear now, O Lord, our prayers for those who crave a time of respite and peace, for those who grieve and mourn, for those whose burdens seem to them impossible to bear, and for ourselves. Hear our prayers for all who are in need this day. Amen.**

**THE MORNING MESSAGE –**

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 12:1-5

**Message –** *Cost and Joy*

Meditation Music - "Loving Spirit"

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Rev. Ruth

W&R #135

## **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 -- "Lord, I Stretch my Hands to You"

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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."*

## **A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**CLOSING SONG** -- *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

*W&R #466, v. 1,4*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION** from Philippians 4:8

"Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things." Hold them close in your hearts and let them make clear to you the way through each day. In the name of Jesus, our friend and brother. Amen.

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POSTLUDE** – "Recessional March"

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## **ROMANS 12:1-5**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each

according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.