

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP with UCC Westerly

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY!

November 21, 2021 @ 9:45am In-person & Broadcast live from our sanctuary CCLI Streaming License #21022154

Gathering Music –

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – "How Firm a Foundation"

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

[taken from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi, Eds., ©1990, The Pilgrim Press] Let us gather together in thanksgiving to God, for God has made us and this earth which gives us nurture. Let us gather together in gratitude for one another, for we are the bearers of God's blessing and love for this earth and its people.

OPENING HYMN – We Gather Together

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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

Gracious God, who gives and gives and gives to us again, hear our plea for one more gift. Grant to us a generous spirit that we may find and return to you all that you have given this world of the ordinary and the extraordinary, for you are the source and gift of life itself. May we be worthy of your generosity and increasingly skilled in sharing it with all those in need we encounter. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE -

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13 Message – Face to Face Meditation Music - "Children of the Heavenly Father" music ©Public Domain, *W&R* #83

A TIME OF PRAYER Pastoral Prayers & Silent Prayer W&R#81, v. 1-3

Rev. Ruth

The Lord's Prayer in whatever words are most comfortable for you. Musical Response

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM -- "Let all things now Living" Performed by the Voice Choir Arranged by Katherine K. Davis ©1938 by E. C. Schirmer Music Company, CCLI Song #4445649. Used by Permission. CCLI Copyright License 21022161.

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 HYMN -- Come Ye Thankful People, Come [WORDS: Henry Alford & MUSIC: George J. Elvey, ©Public Domain] W&R#721, v. 1-2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

[from *Touch Holiness,* Duck & Tirabassi, Eds., ©1990, The Pilgrim Press, p. 244] Go from this place to reap the harvest of God's love. Go from this place to continue to sow seeds of justice, peace, and love. Go from this place to nourish and to be nourished, knowing that God is ever a part of our lives. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE - "How Great Thou Art"

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# 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For

now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.