



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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
***The Hanging of the Greens***

**November 28, 2021 @ 9:45am**  
***In-person &***

***Broadcast live from our sanctuary***

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**Gathering Music –**

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**PASTOR’S WELCOME**

**PRELUDE –**

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**DEACON’S WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP – LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH -- Prophets**

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ONE: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined ... . For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:2,6)

ONE: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

**ALL: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring us to surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.**

ONE: On this First Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be. (The first candle is lit.)

**OPENING HYMN – *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*** [© Public Domain]

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During this hymn everyone who would like is invited to come and participate in putting up the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary.

**UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

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**God without beginning and without end, your promise comes to us, bringing hope. May we in turn come to your mountain, your sacred space wherever we find it, bending our swords and spears, seeking instruction, and walking in your light. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

**THE MORNING MESSAGE –**

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-9a

**Message** – “*Woe Is Me!*”

Rev. Ruth

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

Pastoral Prayers & Silent Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer in whatever words are most comfortable for you.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM -- “*Go Tell It on the Mountain*” [© Public Domain]

Acknowledgement of Gifts & Offerings\*

Doxology: [©Public Domain]

“*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** – *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* [© Public Domain]

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION**

[from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi, Eds., ©1990, The Pilgrim Press, p. 242]

Like a rock, God is under our feet. Like a roof, God is over our heads. Like the horizon, God is beyond us. Like water in a pitcher, God is within us and in the pouring out of us. Like a pebble in the sea, we are in God. Let us go out and change our world as God has changed our lives.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POSTLUDE** – *The joyful sounds of God’s people!*

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**Isaiah 6:1-9a**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said:

‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’