



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

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Gathering Music –

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – "Siciliano"

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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This morning we gather to remind ourselves that we are in community as your faithful and beloved people. Whether we are physically together in this sacred space or scattered in our homes or other places, we know that worship invites us into your presence. Wherever we are, you are. May our hearts be opened and our souls reawakened as we heed your invitation to come to you in this moment.

OPENING HYMN – *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from *Calling on God*, Bankson & Sokolove, Eds. ©2014, Skylight Paths Publishing, P. 145]

Gentle God, patient Parent, tender Teacher, you search us, know us, and love us in ways that are beyond our understanding. We thank you for becoming flesh, for living among us, and dying and rising again, that we might practice becoming your holy Body, living in peace with all creatures. We give thanks for the simple pleasures of life, hot tea on a cold morning, the smell of bread baking, the sweetness of cool water when we are tired and thirsty. We give thanks for visitors from far away, for friendly greetings from people we know and love, for long conversations with dear friends. Aloud and in silence, we practice noticing your gifts to us and giving thanks always. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE – Exploring the Star Words: *Faithfulness & Intelligence*

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:41-52

Message – *Jesus Gets Lost*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music "Glory to the Lamb"

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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 -- "Contemplation on 'My Jesus, I Love Thee'"

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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 HYMN -- *I Love to Tell the Story*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

[Anonymous. An Old Scottish Blessing]

May the blessing of light be on you, light without and light within. May the blessed sunlight shine upon you and warm your heart 'til it glows like a great fire where strangers and friends may warm themselves. May God's light shine out from your own eyes making clear the way before you, one step at a time. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE – "Psalm of Glory"

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## **Luke 2:41-52**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the

temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.