



**SUNDAY MORNING
WORSHIP**
with UCC Westerly

BAPTISM OF CHRIST SUNDAY

January 9, 2022 @ 9:45am
Broadcast live from our sanctuary**
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Gathering Music –

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – "An Appalachian Air"

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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We join together this day to celebrate the mystery of love. We come with fresh awareness, open to God's love coming to us in unexpected ways. We yearn to be filled with a knowledge of the holy that draws us into new beginnings, for we would be God's living people gathered in the name of Jesus of Nazareth who is our guide and our redeemer.

OPENING HYMN – *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

W&R#232, v. 1-3

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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Wonderful, nurturing Sower of new seed, we gather this morning filled with a mix of thoughts and feelings, a smorgasbord of hopes and fears, a stew of joys and pains. We want the coming of the new year to bring an end to war and pain and illness and injustice and yet we know that you have given life to us in such a form that we can never know the end until its time. Fountain of life and hope, we give you thanks for the unexpected testimony of joy-filled moments that remind us of new beginnings always at work in your plans for our lives. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE –

Scripture Reading: Luke 3:15-16; 21-22

Message – "My Son, the Beloved"

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music "When John Baptized by Jordan's River"

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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 --

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 Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

W&R#248, v. 1-2

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

[from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi, Eds., ©1990, The Pilgrim Press, p. 241]

Christ is the Way. Follow and find freedom. Christ is the Life. Receive and rejoice. Christ is the truth. Seek, sure that those who seek, find. All the blessings of God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, be with you now and forevermore. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE – "Moderato Maestoso"

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### **Luke 3:15-16; 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'