



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

February 13, 2022 @ 9:45am

Broadcast live from our sanctuary**

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Gathering Music –

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – "A New Song"

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

[adapted from *Calling on God*, Bankson & Sokolove, Eds. ©2014, Skylight Paths Publishing. p. 153]

The morning news tells of soldiers and athletes, of scientists and skaters, of politicians and prisoners, of human actions and the movement of stars. In all these stories, old and new, in all the world around us, we hear the song of God's Creation, reminding us that God is present in every atom and seed, in every crocus and flake of snow. Join us now as we seek to remind ourselves how to keep time with the beating heart of Jesus.

OPENING HYMN – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

W&R#72

[WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm & MUSIC: William M. Runyan, ©1923, Ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company. CCLI Song #18723]

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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Generous Giver of Strength and Grace, we give you thanks this morning for all that makes our hearts sing, for all the moments that take our breath away, for all the wonders of your creation on sunny days and snowy ones. We ache for those who are sick or in pain, for those whose churning thoughts never give them rest, for those whose loneliness is more than they can bear. For all these moments of experiencing your unfailing beauty and grace, we are eternally grateful. For all the moments when we are hurting too much to see anything but pain, we cry out for your healing touch. In all these moments, we celebrate your abiding presence and love for us. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE – Exploring the Star Words: *Motivation & Balance*

Scripture Reading: Romans 7:14-20

Message – *Why Did I Do That?*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music - "I Need Thee Every Hour"

MUSIC by Robert Lowry, ©Public Domain, CCLI# 78811

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 -- "Short Offertory"

by E.S. Lorenz, ©1925 Lorenz Publishing Company, CCLI# 4264143

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 -- *The Summons*

W&R#350, v. 1-2

[WORDS: John L. Bell & MUSIC: Scottish Melody arr. John L. Bell, ©1987 WGRG The Iona Community (Admin. GIA Publications), CCLI#4791063]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

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

Holy One, like a rock be under our feet. Like a roof, be over our heads. Like the horizon, be beyond us to encourage our stretching. Like water in a pitcher, be within us and in the pouring out of us. Like a pebble in the sea, may we find ourselves totally immersed in you. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE – "Recessional"

by W.E. Robinson, ©1955 Lorenz Publishing Company, CCLI# 4203609

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## **ROMANS 7:14-20**

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

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