



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

February 20, 2022 @ 9:45am

IN-PERSON and

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. 155]

Today is a good day to remember that every day is filled with miracles. The purple crocus springs up from frozen ground, proclaiming God as the source of all beauty. The changing weather – snow and biting winds one day, warm soft, breezes the next – remind us that every moment belongs to the God we gather to celebrate this day. Thanks be to God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN – “God of Creation, All Powerful”

W&R#27, v. 1, 2, 5

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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Faithful One who has promised you are always doing a new thing, show us the way through difficult times. Guide us into your grace filled realm of peace. Help us remember always that you are God. You make a way in the wilderness for all who are lost, and rivers to flow in the desert for those who thirst. Form us anew into your people that we might declare your praise. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE – Exploring the Star Words: *Endurance & Commitment*

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:1-11

Message – “Take Nothing on Your Journey”

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – “I Surrender All”

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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 -- “Everywhere I Go”

Sung by the Choir

By Natalie Sleeth, ©1975 by Choristers Guild, CCLI #485521

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 -- *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 1 Thessalonians 5:13-16]

Be at peace among yourselves. Encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all. Do not repay evil for evil, but always seek to do good. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances. And as you do, may the God of peace, the grace of Jesus Christ and unquenchable Holy Spirit surround you always. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE – "Recessional"

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## **LUKE 9:1-11**

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. He said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere. Now Herod the ruler heard about all that had taken place, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the ancient prophets had arisen. Herod said, “John I beheaded; but who is this about whom I hear such things?” And he tried to see him.

On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.