



# **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

*with UCC Westerly  
WITH HOLY COMMUNION*

**February 6, 2022 @ 9:45am**  
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## **PASTOR’S WELCOME**

### **PRELUDE – "Prelude on 'New England'"**

by Colin Curtis, on a New England folk melody, ©2002 Lorenz Publishing Company, CCLI# 3713372

## **DEACON’S WELCOME**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP --**

[adapted from *Calling on God*, Bankson & Sokolove, Eds., ©2014, Skylight Paths Publishing. Page 151]

On this and every Communion Sunday we remember that God chose to walk among us in Galilee so very long ago and yet this incredible gift is still fresh in our hearts. God is always among us and within us. God is in every breath, every heartbeat, every moment. God beckons to us from every snowflake and drop of rain, every ray of the sun and cloud’s shadow. This morning as we gather around Christ’s Table, we celebrate being part of this sacred community as it represents for us Christ’s holy, ever-broken and ever-risen body.

### **OPENING SONG -- *As We Gather at Your Table***

*W&R#695*

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## **UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

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**Everlasting God, we offer our praise to you for all your countless gifts. We give you thanks for the simple pleasures of daily life, for dinners shared with family and friends, for phone calls and notes from folks who know we’re feeling lonely, for a comfortable bed at the end of the day. We give you thanks and praise for sustaining us through each day and each night, for bringing us to this moment of simple gratitude and quiet joy. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

## **A SIMPLE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Statement of Faith** [Taken from the daily liturgy for morning worship, The Iona Community]

**With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God’s image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

**With people everywhere, we affirm God’s goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

**With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

Hymn of Preparation -- "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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Words of Invitation and Prayer

Sharing of the Elements

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world as your rainbow of hope in an uncertain world. Send us in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**THE MORNING MESSAGE – Exploring the Star Words: *Humor & Playfulness***

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 17:24-27

**Message – *A Tax Paying Fish??***

Rev. Ruth

**Meditation Music:** "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

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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 -- "In Green Pastures"**

by Lefebure Wely, ©1925 Lorenz Publishing Company, CCLI# 4103060

**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 SONG -- *God Be With You***

*W&R#716, v. 1&3*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION— Numbers 6:25**

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God's entire being be lifted up upon you and give you peace. Amen.

***Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth***

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*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.*

*With God our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **POSTLUDE – "Recessional"**

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### **Matthew 17:24-27**

When they reached Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the temple tax?" He said, "Yes, he does." And when he came home, Jesus spoke of it first, asking, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tribute? From their children or from others?" When Peter said, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Then the children are free. However, so that we do not give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook; take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a coin; take that and give it to them for you and me."