



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

March 13, 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 – "Near the Cross"

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Excerpts from Psalm 27*

One: The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

All: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

OPENING HYMN -- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

W&R#71, v. 1-3

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from *Calling on God*, Bankson & Sokolove, Eds. ©2014, Skylight Paths Publishing. p. 166]

God of covenant and promise, you fill the world with sunlight and with rain, with bright yellow daffodils and tender buds on branches, trembling on the edge of spring. Holy Maker of sunlight and storms, help us to remember your promises, so that we may be a beacon of hope, the light of Christ, to one another and to the world around us. This we pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Luke 7:36-50

Message – *Jesus: Friend and Teacher*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music - "Glory Be to Jesus"

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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 - "What Wondrous Love is This" Performed by the Tone Chimes Choir

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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 -- *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

W&R#473, v. 1-3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION [Ancient Gaelic Blessing]

May the blessing of light be upon you, light without and light within. May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire, so that stranger and friend may come and be warmed by it. May the light shine out of the two eyes of you, like a candle set in the window of a house, bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm. May the Lord bless you kindly, this day and forever more. 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 – "Short Prelude in E Minor"

by J. S. Bach, BWV 555, Breitkopf & Haertel Edition, 1867, ©Public Domain.

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**Luke 7:36-50**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known

who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.” Jesus spoke up and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Teacher,” he replied, “Speak.” “A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?” Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” And Jesus said to him, “You have judged rightly.” Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.” Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”