



## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

*with UCC Westerly*

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent*

**March 6, 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 – "The Faithful"**

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### **DEACON'S WELCOME**

### **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP – Excerpts from *Psalm 24***

**One:** The earth is God's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it;

**All:** **For God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.**

**One:** Who shall ascend the hill of God? And who shall stand in God's holy place?

**All:** **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,**

**One:** Who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

**All:** **They will receive blessing from God, and vindication from the God of their salvation.**

### **OPENING HYMN – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

*W&R#48, v. 1&3*

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### **UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

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**Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power.**

**Some of us come with reluctance and some with joy, some with sadness and others full of fear, yet we know you receive us as we are. Mighty God, stay with us always, as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith.**

**By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. Touch us, God, with your healing fire. Speak to us through your Word. Send us back into the world renewed and eager to do your will. For we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

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

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

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Statement of Faith [Taken from *The New Century Sampler*, ©1993, The Pilgrim Press, p. 57]

**I believe in God, who is love and who has given the earth to all people.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us and to free us from all forms of oppression.**

**I believe in the Spirit of God who works in and through all who have throned towards the truth.**

**I believe in the community of faith which is called to be at the service of all people.**

**I believe in God's promise to finally destroy the power of sin in us all, and to establish the dominion of justice and peace to all humanity.**

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 –**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 16:13-15

**Message –** *Freeing Jesus*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music - "Eat this bread and never hunger"

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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 -- "Come to the Table of the Lord"

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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 --** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*W&R#123, v. 1-2*

#### **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 – "Verset"**

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**Matthew 16:13-15**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” *Copies of this morning's message can be requested at any time from Carol in the office.*