



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP *with UCC Westerly*

5th Sunday in Lent

April 3, 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 – "Communion Table"

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DEACON’S WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP – Excerpts from *Psalms* 126

One: Then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”

All: **The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced.**

One: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

All: **Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves.**

OPENING HYMN – *As We Gather At Your Table*

W&R#695

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[Taken from *The New Century Hymnal*, ©1995, The Pilgrim Press, p. 13]

Eternal God, companion of all who seek you, and seeker of all who turn away from you, draw near to us that we may draw near to you. Grant us the grace to love and to serve you that we may find in your will our true freedom. May Jesus’ promise, “where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them” be fulfilled in us. Through Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life. 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 Hymnal*, ©1995, The Pilgrim Press, #887]

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the

Holy Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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: 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Message – *Freeing Jesus: Presence*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music - "He Came Singing Love"

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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 -- "When You Prayed Beneath the Trees" - performed by the Voice Choir

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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 -- *Spirit of the Living God*

W&R#492

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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 – "Short Prelude in G Minor"

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1 Corinthians 13: 8-13

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Copies of this morning's message can be requested at any time from Carol in the office.