



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

May 22, 2022 @ 9:45am

IN-PERSON and

Broadcast live from our sanctuary

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6th Sunday of Easter-tide

Gathering Music –

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – "Prelude on 'Limehouse'"

by Gilbert M. Martin, anonymous melody from *Music of the Church*, 1843, ©2002 by Lorenz Publishing Company, CCLI # 3698071

DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Excerpts from Psalm 67*

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

All: That God's way may be known upon the earth.

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

All: Let all the people's praise you.

OPENING HYMN -- *Many and Great*

W&R#26

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from *Calling on God*, Bankson & Sokolove, Eds. ©2014, Skylight Paths Publishing. p. 188-9]

O Holy Maker of the universe, we come today to sing you a new song, a song of bud and blossom, a song of thanks for love within community, a song of hope for future blessings we cannot yet understand. We confess it is sometimes difficult to see your promise of new life in littered parking lots and broken communities. We know so many places where hope is hard to find, where war and famine turn fields to mud, where anger and despair hide the good news of the Risen Christ. Yet still we give you thanks that you are present, even when we wonder if its true. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Message – *All Dried Up*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music - "Touch the Earth Lightly"

MUSIC: by Colin Gibson, ©1992 by Hope Publishing Company, CCLI # 1211141

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 - "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Performed by the Tone Chimes Choir

MUSIC: English melody, ©Public Domain, CCLI # 3579729

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 *Lord, Speak to Me*

W&R#593, v. 1-3

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

[adapted from UCC Book of Worship, ©1986, Office of Church Life & Leadership, United Church of Christ., p. 126]

Let us go and meet the world which God loves and for which Christ died. Let us proclaim that God is worthy of our trust and Jesus of our discipleship. Let us live as heirs of Christ Jesus and as the people of God in the midst of our fragile, broken world. 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 – "Trumpet Tune"

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### **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had

been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.