



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!

May 29, 2022 @ 9:45am

In-person &

Broadcast live from our sanctuary

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – "A Morning Prayer"

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – *Excerpts from Psalm 97*

One: The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of the faithful.

All: **Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright heart.**

One: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,

All: **And give thanks to his holy name!**

OPENING SONG – *"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"*

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from the ritual of Morning Prayer for the Iona Community]

Most Merciful and Kind God, before You, here amongst Your people, let us remember how easy it is for us to turn away from You without even realizing that is what we are doing. Help us to see that we turn away from you every time we wound our own lives, the lives of others or the life of the earth, whether or not we are intentional in that wounding. Help us to receive most humbly your gift of grace in your forgiveness for all the times we fall short of your hopes for us. Enable Christ to renew us always even as the Holy Spirit empowers us to grow in love. All this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE –

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 63:1-6

Message – *The Grapes of Wrath: Exploring The Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music –

A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer in whatever words are most comfortable for you.

Musical response - "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Anthem – "Something for Thee"

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Acknowledgement of Gifts & Offerings*

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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 SONG – *"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION— [adapted from Romans 12]

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold onto what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor all persons. Honor all Creation. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may the love of God, the Light of Christ and the power and communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Go in 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 – "I Love to Tell the Story"

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## **Isaiah 63:1-6**

“Who is this that comes from Edom, from Bozrah in garments stained crimson? Who is this so splendidly robed, marching in his great might?” “It is I, announcing vindication, mighty to save.” “Why are your robes red, and your garments like theirs who tread the wine press?” “I have trodden the wine press alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their juice spattered on my garments, and stained all my robes. For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year for my redeeming work had come. I looked, but there was no helper; I stared, but there was no one to sustain me; so my own arm brought me victory, and my wrath sustained me. I trampled down peoples in my anger, I crushed them in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”