



# **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

*with UCC Westerly*

**June 26, 2022 @ 9:45am**  
**IN-PERSON and**  
**Broadcast live from our sanctuary**  
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**WELCOME TO OUR ONA & PRIDE**  
**SUNDAY CELEBRATION!**

## **Gathering Music –**

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## **PASTOR’S WELCOME**

### **PRELUDE – "The Sheltering Rock"**

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## **DEACON’S WELCOME**

### **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP – Excerpts from *Psalm 77***

**One:** You are the God who works wonders;

**All:** **You have displayed your might among the peoples.**

**One:** With your strong arm you have redeemed your people.

**All:** **You led your people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

### **OPENING HYMN – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

*W&R#59, v. 1-3*

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## **UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

[Adapted from *Calling on God*, Bankson & Sokolove, Eds. ©2014, Skylight Paths Publishing. p. 204-5]

**Source of Compassionate love, we are overwhelmed with joy and gratitude for the gift of your grace and love. And, as though that were not enough, you continue to pour out your gifts upon us and through us and within us. Compassionate Healer, we are afraid for ourselves and for others in a world that is full of hurt and pain. Savior of all who suffer, we ask you to still the storms that trouble our souls as you hold the world in your eternal embrace. Still, we sing your praises as we rejoice in what you have already done. Amen.**

## **THE ORDER FOR WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS – *See last page***

### **THE MORNING MESSAGE –**

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Kings 2:6-14

**Message – “You Have Asked a Hard Thing”**

Rev. Ruth

## Meditation Music - "Loving Spirit"

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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 -- "The Lord is Here Today" Performed by Doug Brummund

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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** -- *Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult*

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION**

[Taken from *An Iona Prayer Book*, Peter Millar, Ed., ©2000, Canterbury Press, p. 71]

This is the day that God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. We will not offer to God offerings that cost us nothing. We go in peace to serve the Lord, to seek truth and pursue it. In the name of the Trinity of Love, Holy and One. 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 – "With a Voice of Praise"**

by Elizabeth T. Van Woert, ©1967 by Lorenz Publishing Company, CCL# 4295325



## **2 Kings 2:6-14**

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water;

the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

*Copies of the morning message may be requested from Carol in the office if you are not in worship in person with us.*

**The Order for Welcoming New Members**  
**United Congregational Church of Westerly, UCC**  
**June 26, 2022**

Deacon: We invite to come forward those present here with us this morning who wish to unite with this faith community as members of our church. [*True Joy Belle, Jennifer Immanuel, Lisa Ornberg*] We also invite forward all current and former Deacons willing to participate in this order for new members.

Pastor: Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. *True, Jenny, and Lisa* have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. Through thoughtful reflection they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their faith and baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of our church.

I ask you all now, do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?      *Response: I do.*

Do you claim Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? *Response: I do.*

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able? *Response: I promise, with the help of God.*

Pastor: Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this moment in your lives and in ours. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith. As you join our community, we ask: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?  
*Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.*

Know you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are all members of the household of God as made manifest in this place.

Deacon: Please join with me as we offer the hand of fellowship to welcome these new members into our midst. [*continue with order of worship*]