



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

July 31, 2022 @ 9:45am

IN-PERSON and

Broadcast live from our sanctuary

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“Sunrise on Lake Ontario – July 2022”

HAPPY MID POINT OF SUMMER!

Gathering Music –

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PASTOR’S WELCOME

PRELUDE – "To Seek Within"

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DEACON’S WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP – Excerpted from “What Is Worship?” by Dwight Bradley

One: Worship is the soul searching for its counterpart.

All: Worship is a thirsty land crying out for rain.

One: Worship is a candle in the act of being kindled.

All: Worship is a drop in quest of the ocean.

One: Let us worship our God in spirit and in truth.

OPENING HYMN – Now Thank We All Our God

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[Adapted from *Calling on God*, Bankson & Sokolove, Eds. ©2014, Skylight Paths Publishing. p. 216]

Holy God, hidden Source of life, we come hungry for comfort and hope. These summer days, when many of our familiar routines are different, bring us to unexpected places. Unfathomable Mystery, Holy Spirit of care, we come today to celebrate our place in your Creation. We come to be healed in your presence, to find the peace that passes understanding, and open the door to those around us. We pray that your healing spirit will fill us until we overflow in love, for we gather in the name of our Savior who is Jesus the Christ. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE –

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139

Message – *The Runaway Bunny?*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – "Jesus Loves Me"

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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 --

Solo by Erin Blake

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 HYMN -- *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

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A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

[Taken from *The UCC Book of Worship*, ©1986, 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 Christ of our discipleship. Let us live as heirs of Christ and as the people of God in the midst of God's world.

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 in F"

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Psalm 139

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the
depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were
formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.
O that you would kill the wicked, O God,
and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—
those who speak of you maliciously, and lift themselves up against you for evil!
Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.
Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.