

Morning Prayer

Hope



Welcome & Centering Time

Music

Opening Prayer (From the UCC Worship Ways)

Faithful God, you draw near to us
in our joy and in our grief,
in our hope and in our despair.
When we are bowed down, you raise us anew.

We turn to you now in search of your healing touch.
God of compassion and love,
move among us this hour.

Open our eyes, dispel our fears,
and show us the real life you have to offer.
We pray this in the name of the Risen One,
Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Acknowledging Places in Need of Hope

Making Room for God's Love

Words of Assurance – Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Time for Silence and Hearing

Sharing God's Whisper of Hope (*what word did you hear?*)

Music

Giving Thanks – Isaiah 40:31

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Lifting Prayers of Blessing and Gratitude

Lifting Prayers of Need, Concern, or Weary

Music

Reading – Isaiah 43:1-3a, 4a

Now this is what the Lord says. I created you, people of Jacob.

I formed you, people of Israel.

"Don't be afraid, because I have saved you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. When you cross rivers, you will not drown.

When you walk through fire, you will not be burned. The flames will not consume you.

³This is because I, the Lord, am your God. I, the Holy One of Israel, am your Savior.

⁴You are precious to me. I give you honor, and I love you.

One Word (*lectio divina*)

Sending (based on Romans 15:12-14, *The Message*)

May the God of hope
fill you up with joy, fill you up with peace,
so that your lives,
filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit,
will brim over with hope!