



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
with UCC Westerly

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Honoring First Peoples

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE — *Episode on Dunlap's Creek*

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP — adapted from Amos 5:14-15

One: Seek good and not evil that you may live;

All: So the Lord God will be with you.

One: Hate evil and love good, establish justice in the gate.

All: So that the Lord God will be gracious to you.

OPENING HYMN *Many and Great*

W&R#26

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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Loving Deliverer God, you show us what is good and teach us how to be your people. You are present in the brisk autumn air in the first edges of red and gold among the leaves, in the bright stars that linger into the hour just before dawn. Before you no creature is hidden, no decision is too secret for you to hold. You search us out and know us, breathing life into ancient stories, filling our hearts with hope, even when the news fills our eyes and ears with destruction and despair. As we discern the shape of our commitments, we ask you, who once became human and died on a cross, to live among us again today, leading us into new life in you. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: James 3:18-18

Message — *Wisdom from Above*

Meditation Music — *In Christ There Is No East or West*

Rev. Ruth

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#A MOMENT TO BREATHE

A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayers

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

Musical response

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Special Music *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* performed by Tone Chimes Choir

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Doxology *"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen."*

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CLOSING HYMN – *God When Human Bonds Are Broken*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

W&R#614

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE *Sing with the Spirit*

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#A MOMENT TO BREATHE is an experience of Thich Nhat Hahn's breath of 10 exercise. It is very simple, inviting you to breathe as you normally would but counting each breath in and each breath out until you reach 10. If you lose track of your count at any point, start over. This is a remarkably simple but highly effective breathing exercise that calms your mind and heart. Enjoy! 😊

TO ANY VISITORS WITH US THIS MORNING, WELCOME! We are so glad you decided to join us! We would love to be able to connect with you after your visit today. If you are comfortable doing so, please find one of our *CONTACT* cards in the back of the sanctuary to fill out and leave in one of the offering plates. We also hope you will join us for fellowship time if you are so inclined!

Our Diaconate Person of the Week for this week is Allana Allik. Please feel free to be in touch with her with your joys and concerns knowing that we care about you every day.

***ABOUT THE OFFERING.** *We offer our deepest gratitude to our members and friends who are so generous with their pledges and financial gifts to the church, both those here in person and those joining online. Online participants are invited to give online via our "Donate" button @ www.uccwesterly.org or mail your checks, made payable to UCC Westerly, to us at 9 Castle Hill Road, Pawcatuck, CT 06379. A REMINDER that offering plates are located at each entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you! Today is the last day we are receiving Deacons Fund donations for Hurricane Relief in the specially marked baskets next to the regular plates in the rear of the sanctuary.*

THE PRAYER MINISTRIES of this church are many and varied and you are welcome to participate in any or all of them. In the sanctuary, you will find prayer notebooks by either door within which to write specific prayer requests for Sunday. You will also find prayer candle tables at

which you may light a candle for your own prayer concerns. You will also find prayer shawls and prayer bears to offer comfort to those struggling in the front pews. For more information on our prayer ministries please speak with any Deacon or Rev. Ruth at any time.

You are welcome to donate flowers for the chancel any week. Our sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or speak with Rev. Ruth for more information.

James 3:13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

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