



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP with UCC Westerly

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY! “Into the Deep”

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PASTOR’S WELCOME

PRELUDE – *Solemn Melody*

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DEACON’S WELCOME

A RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 16*

One: The Lord is my chosen portion; I bless the Lord who gives me counsel.

All: I keep the Lord always before me; because God is with me I shall not be moved.

One: Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

All: God shows me the path of life. In God’s presence there is fullness of joy.

OPENING HYMN -- *The Church’s One Foundation*

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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Blessed are you, our God, Creator of all that is, who has given us life and sustained us and brought us to this time. Blessed are you who has poured out blessing upon blessing to us and for us. Blessed are you who poured out your life in love, dying on a cross so that we could understand the meaning of forgiveness, and rising again so that we could understand the meaning of eternal life in you. Our hearts exult in your many gifts, too numerous to count. We know our words and acts of gratitude are not enough but they are all we have. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE PLEDGES

One: May our pledges be the beginning of our journey to go deep – in love, in faith, in hope.

All: Through these pledges which symbolize our love for you, O God, we dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace and of hope. Receive these gifts and pledges and lead us forward in wisdom and courage. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-7

Message – Going Deeper

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – Come and Praise Him Royal Priesthood

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#A MOMENT TO BREATHE

A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

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

Musical response

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS*

Anthem - *We Gather Together*

The 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 – *Shall We Gather at the River* [©Public Domain]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

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Go from this place to reap the harvest of God's love. Go from this place to continue to sow seeds of justice, peace, hope and love. Go from this place to nourish and to be nourished, knowing that God is ever part of our lives. Amen.

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE - *A Song of Praise*

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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. Our Usher/Greeter this morning is Edward Stratton.

**\*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](http://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!

**STEWARDSHIP SEASON IS UPON US!** Yes, today is Stewardship Sunday but it's never too late to submit your pledge. Just leave it in the office in an envelope marked "J. Brummund" and we'll take it from there!

**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 in the front pews prayer shawls and prayer bears to offer comfort to those struggling. For more information on our prayer ministries please speak with any Deacon or Rev. Ruth at any time.

**Our annual Christmas "Adopt-A-Family" Mission project kicks off today!** We have agreed to provide Christmas gifts for a family with six children through Operation Fresh Start. The Christmas wish list gifts are on the green tags on the altar this morning. Just grab a tag after worship this morning and start shopping! Baskets to receive your gifts will be available under the altar beginning next week. Deadline for all gifts to be returned is Sunday, February 15. Thanks!

*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.*

### **Luke 5:1-7**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

*To request a copy of today's message be sent to you, kindly contact the office @ 860-599-1226 or [uccwesterly@gmail.com](mailto:uccwesterly@gmail.com).*

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