

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP with UCC Westerly

November 10, 2024 @ 9:45am

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VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE

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PASTOR'S WELCOME



PRELUDE – Meditation of “Woodworth”

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DEACON'S WELCOME

A RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 146

One: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

All: **Do not put your trust in rulers, in mortals, in whom there is no real help.**

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

All: **The Lord God who made heaven and earth; who executes justice for the oppressed and help to those in need.**

OPENING HYMN -- *God of the Ages Whose Almighty Hand*

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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We come into your presence with thanks, Creator God, for all that fills our lives with joy: the love of family and friends, the comfort of our homes, the challenges of work and the delight of leisure. Forgive us that too often we have taken all these for granted, failing to see them as your gifts. In this time of worship, stretch our understanding that we may see our lives the way you see us, with all our gifts and shortcomings. Teach us to live with faithfulness to your intention for the world, and to be at home wherever your Spirit leads us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – *“Showers of Blessings”*

Rev. Ruth

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:13-17

Message – Heads or Tails

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – Jesus I Love You

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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 *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

Offered by 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 – *Help Us Accept Each Other*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

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As we leave this place, we leave knowing that God loves us beyond all understand and calls us to be a blessing in the midst of our own interactions with each other and the earth. Go in peace knowing that the new covenant of right relationship with humanity, with God, and with the earth resides within you and has the power to motivate you to do more than you ever thought possible. Amen.

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

W&R#614

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE *A Song of Gladness*

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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 Joann Spurley.** 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](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!** Letters and pledge forms have been mailed out. Pledge forms are available here at church. Submit completed pledge forms anytime between now and November 17. *What you do makes all the difference to our church!!*

**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.

*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.*

### **Mark 12:13-17**

Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?” But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.” And they brought one. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Jesus said to them, “Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they were utterly amazed at him.

*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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