

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP with UCC Westerly

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ORGAN DEDICATION CELEBRATION!!

Photo Credit: Rev. Ruth

Welcome to this service of celebration as we dedicate our newly refurbished Wicks Pipe Organ! This liturgy has been especially designed to highlight the organ and its vital contribution to our worship each week. Special thanks to our Organist and Choirs Director Dav Cranmer for all his efforts in pulling together the various musical elements of this unique service. Enjoy!

GATHERING MUSIC – [WORDS & MUSIC: Doug Brummund, ©2022 B.R. Music. All rights reserved. Used with permission.]

PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDES – Note that each of these features different capabilities of the organ. ☺ *Rejoice, the Lord is King* by John Darwall, arranged by Peter Benjamin [©2003, Lorenz Publishing Company, CCLI#3988358]

These Holy Mysteries by Roger C. Wilson [©1973, Lorenz Publishing Company, CCLI#327191]

Meditation by Colin Curtis [© 2004 Lorenz Publishing Company, Used by permission]

DEACON'S WELCOME

INTROIT – *The Lord Is My Strength and Shield* [Words based on Psalm 28. Music by Dav Cranmer. ©1977 by Dav Cranmer. Used by permission]

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 150

- One: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise God in his might firmament!
- All: Praise God for his mighty deeds; praise God according to his surpassing greatness!
- One: Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!
- All: Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe!
- One: Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!
- All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

ORGAN DEDICATION

[adapted from *The Litany for the 125th Anniversary Memorial Organ, Christ Church, Episcopal, Needham, MA*] One: Today we seek God's blessing as we gather with thankfulness to dedicate this instrument of praise to God's glory. God has graciously given us a wonderful gift in music; and may this instrument, provided by the gracious generosity of God's people, enable us to better sound our praise and thanksgiving. Believing instruments of sacred music are approved of God, to be used for thanksgiving and praise in regards glorious name,

All: We dedicate this organ to God as an instrument of praise.

One: That it may lift up the melody of psalm and hymn and spiritual song in such ways that all may go forth from this holy place with high resolve to do the will of God,

All: We dedicate this organ to God as an instrument of praise.

One: To help kindle the flame of devotion that all who assemble here may be inspired and enabled to worship God in spirit and truth,

All: We dedicate this organ to God as an instrument of praise.

One: To help comfort the sorrowing and help cheer the faint, to help bring purity to our minds and peace into our hearts, and to help lead all who may hear its sounds in the way of One: Let us pray. For this instrument of praise God now set apart for sacred worship, for all its material components, for those who designed and built it, for those whose skills awaken harmonies to enhance our worship, and for all who gave to make this gift possible, salvation and eternal life,

All: We dedicate this organ to God as an instrument of praise.

One: O gracious God, may this organ, alone or in concert with other instruments and voices, be to all who worship here a source of joy and inspiration for years, even generations to come. We dedicate this organ to the proclamation of the gospel; the healing of life's discords; the expression of redemption's joys; the revelation of the hidden expression of divine harmony; to comforting those who sorrow and exulting with those who celebrate in life's transitions.

All: We give you thanks, oh Lord.

One: Be with your servants who will use this instrument to make music for you and your people, as you prepare us on earth to sing your praises in heaven; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN -- Come, Christians, Join to Sing

W&R#87

[WORDS: Christian Bateman & MUSIC: Spanish melody arr. by David Evans. ©Public Domain]

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from Calling on God, Bankson & Sokolove, Eds. ©2014 Skylight Paths Publishing. pp. 239-40]

Faithful Giver of hope and promise, you give us laughter and sunlight, storm clouds and shadows. You hold all of creation in your hands, surprising us with blessings just when we need them most. Your fill us with joy so that we are able to rejoice in the good news of your unending love. We give you thanks for your call to be members of your holy, living Body, the eyes and ears, hands and feet of Christ carrying your light into a darkening world. We ask that you embolden us to fulfill your dream of a world of justice and peace for all. In your name we pray. Amen.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT presented by Jack Hainsworth

SPECIAL MUSIC -- The Lost Chord

[WORDS: Adelaide A. Proctor & MUSIC: Sir Arthur Sullivan. @Public Domain]

sung by Erin Blake

SPECIAL READING

Meditation Music – Lift Every Voice and Sing [@Public Domain]

Rev. Ruth

#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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS*

AnthemHow Can I Keep from Singing?Offered by the Voice Choir[WORDS & MUSIC: Robert Lowry, setting by Timothy Shaw. ©2013 Hope Publishing Company. CCLI#7019813]DoxologyDoxology"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here
below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen."[©Public Domain]

CLOSING HYMN – When in Our Music God Is Glorified W&R# 7 [WORDS: Fred Pratt Green & MUSIC: Charles V. Stanford. ©1972, Hope Publishing Company. CCLI# 10037]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

May our loving and most generous Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer grant us minds to know God as we encounter God in our lives; hearts to love God more than we thought possible; hands to do God's work in the world each day and voices to sing God's praise always. Amen. Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth [WORDS & MUSIC: Sy Miller & Jill Jackson, © 1955, Ren.1983 Jen-Lee Music. Used by Permission. CCLI Copyright License 21022161]

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE Toccata in D Minor

[J. S. Bach, BMV 0565]

#A MOMENT TO BREATHE is an experience of Thich Nhat Hahn's breath of 10 exercise. It is very simple, inviting you to breath 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!

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**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 Christina Brummund.** 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 @ <u>www.uccwesterly.org</u> 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!

**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.

**Kindly note that donations to our Organ Maintenance Fund** are always welcome. Checks should be made payable to UCC Westerly with "Organ Maintenance Fund" noted on the memo line.

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