



## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** *with UCC Westerly*

**January 19, 2025 @ 9:45am**  
**In-person & Broadcast live from our sanctuary**  
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### **“Back to Basics”**

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### **PASTOR’S WELCOME**

#### **PRELUDE** — *Little Rondo*

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### **DEACON’S WELCOME**

#### **A RESPONSIVE PRAYER CALL TO WORSHIP** — Psalm 36

One: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens;

**All: Your faithfulness to the clouds.**

One: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**All: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.**

#### **OPENING HYMN** -- *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*W&R#40*

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### **UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

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**Holy, magnificent Creator God who loves and sustains us each day. How precious is your love for us each day. Come now, Holy One, come close to heal and teach us, to embolden us to celebrate our gathering together in this way as your beloved people in this place. You call us to celebrate the variety of gifts you have given each of us to ensure we are equipped to share in the work of ministry you entrust to us. Hear now our prayers of praise and thanks for all you have done to bring our world to life. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

### **THE MORNING MESSAGE**

**Scripture Readings:** Genesis 1:26-27 & 2:15-23

*Message – Created in God’s Image*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

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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

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Anthem *Be Thou My Vision*

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** – *There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION** *A Scottish Prayer – Anonymous*

The Light of God surrounds me. The love of God enfolds me. The power of God protects me. The presence of God watches over me. Wherever I am, God is and has always been. Amen.

*Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth*

W&R #614

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## PASSING OF THE PEACE

**POSTLUDE** *Postlude*

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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](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!*

**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.

**Be sure to check the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall** for all sorts of sign-up sheets for upcoming events, group activities and volunteer opportunities here at church including:

- Ushers and Greeters through the end of February
- *Threshold Retreat 2.0*

*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.*

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### **Genesis 1:26-27 & 2:15-23**

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.”

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## **United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the form of a doxology**

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

[Taken from the "What We Believe" section of [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) ]