



WORSHIPPING AT HOME

*with UCC Westerly
during the Covid-19 outbreak*

**May 24, 2020
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

□ Create a small worship space in your home anywhere. Add a candle, a bible and, *if you choose, a photo or memento of a loved one who served in the Armed Services who has died.*

□ If you are doing this on your own, settle into your worship space around 9:30am on Sunday and begin. Make your list of prayer concerns. Then sit in silence and let your mind calm down. When you reach the Prayer Time in the service, aloud or just in your own mind, ask God to bless each of the persons and situations on your list. End with the Lord's Prayer in whatever words are most comfortable for you.

- If you are joining in the prayers during the Facebook Live broadcast, before worship take a few minutes to send them to me via text, email or Facebook message. It is helpful for me to receive them at least 30 minutes before the service begins.
- A reminder I will be streaming our worship service on Facebook Live beginning at 9:45am. You can still access it even if you are not on Facebook by going to the church website, www.uccwesterly.org, and clicking on the Facebook icon on the homepage.

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Light your candle as a reminder of God's presence with you

Gathering Music – “Jesus Shall Reign”

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CALL TO WORSHIP -- [“Our Gift to the Fallen” a poem by Charlie Cragg]

For each soldier that has fallen so that many may stand
We honor their spirits as they pass to God's hand
For without their sacrifice we would live forever in fear
We pray for their loved ones and provide a salute and a tear
God help us the wounds of hate and the misery of war
That is our gift to our fallen heroes that are amongst us no more.

OPENING SONG – “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

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1. *Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who told the mighty ocean deep its own appointed bounds to keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*
2. *O Trinity of love and power, preserve their lives in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, flood and flame, protect them by your holy name,
And to your glory let there be glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION [from *The Iona Prayer Book*, Millar, 2000]

Lord, open to us the sea of your mercy and water us with full streams from the riches of your grace and the springs of your kindness. Make us children of quietness and heirs of peace; kindle in us the fire of your love and strengthen our weakness by your power as we become close to you and to each other. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A BLESSING MOMENT OF HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:26-39

Morning Message

The Final Post

Peter Hainsworth, Guest Preacher

A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayers

Silent Prayers

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Acknowledgement of Gifts & Offerings*

*Doxology *"Praise God from who 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 SONG – "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

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1. *My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side let freedom ring!*
2. *My native country thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills like that above.*
3. *Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song:*

*Let mortal tongues awake, let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION – [*Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi, Eds., 1990]

The way is long, let us go together. The way is difficult, let us help each other. The way is joyful, let us share it. The way is Christ's for Christ is the Way, let us follow. The way is open before us, let us go, with the love of God, the grace of Christ and the Communion of the Holy spirit, this day and forever more. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Music as the Service ends – "Sing Praise"

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