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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP with UCC Westerly

November 3, 2024 @ 9:45am
In-person & Broadcast live from our
sanctuary
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ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION

Welcome to this service of celebration and remembrance on All Saints Sunday. If you have brought a photo or other small memento of a loved one who has passed, you are invited to place it on the altar as an act of remembrance.

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE — *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

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DEACON'S WELCOME

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF APPROACH

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One: We are who we are today because of those whose lives touched ours.

All: God does not ask us to forget those we have known and loved.

One: But sadness has to be tinged with gratitude for lives that shaped us, for hands that held us, for voices that inspired us, for love that enriched our lives.

All: Believing that those we remember this day are held in God's embrace, we trust that we will meet them again – in a place where there can never be farewells.

One: So we make our prayers for those who now belong to whatever it is we mean by heaven.

All: Our private prayers offered in heartfelt silence and our gathered prayers spoken aloud in this moment. Amen.

OPENING HYMN -- *Break Now the Bread of Life*

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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God of all Creation, who cannot be contained by our boundaries, by our definitions – light from beyond the galaxies, sea without a farther shore – you are present in every place, in every moment in history. You are here and now.

Help us to know this day that those from whom we are separated in death – by its long silence, its aching absence – are each of them in your presence; that beyond our horizons, beyond our boundaries, beyond our understanding, they are held in your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Note: Ours is an Open Table meaning that anyone who finds meaning in the sacrament is welcome to partake. Do note that our elements are gluten and alcohol free.

An Affirmation of Faith – [from *The New Century Hymnal Sampler* #4]

I believe in God who is love and who has given the earth to all people.

I believe in Jesus Christ who came to heal us and to free us from all forms of oppression.

I believe in the Spirit of God who works in and through all who have turned toward the truth.

I believe in the community of faith which is called to be at the service of all people.

I believe in God's promise to finally destroy the power of sin in us all and to establish the dominion of justice and peace for all humanity.

Song of Preparation – *Let Us Break Bread Together* W&R#699, v. 1

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Words of Invitation, Explanation and Consecration

Partaking in the bread and cup together

Prayer of Thanksgiving: **Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – “Pardon the Interruption”

George & Cathy Gray

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-16

Message – Blessed, Salted and Lit

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – *Steal Away*

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#A MOMENT TO BREATHE

A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer *Response to “Lord in your mercy” is “Hear our prayer.”*

Silent Prayer

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

Musical response

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS*

Anthem *Rejoice in God's Saints*

Offered by the Voice 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God's entire being be lifted upon you and grant you peace, this day and forever more. Amen.

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE *Sing with the Spirit*

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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 Lynn Murray.** 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.*

### **MATTHEW 5:1-16**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

*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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