



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

**February 16, 2025 @ 9:45am**  
**In-person & Broadcast live from our sanctuary**  
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### **PASTOR’S WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** *The Clarion Call*

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### **DEACON’S WELCOME**

**A RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** – Psalm 138 (selected verses)

One: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart.

**All: I give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness.**

One: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me.

**All: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me.**

**OPENING HYMN** -- *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*W&R#72*

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### **UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

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**God of winter waiting, thanks for sending those reminders, those little signs that hope is still alive, that fresh new life is just around the corner. Lift us up, we pray, as we gather in your presence to celebrate your saving love that risks the cold and dark to grow in secret making ready for a new season of growth. Show us the path to this bright new dawn, for we gather in the name of the resurrected Savior, who is Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

### **THE MORNING MESSAGE**

**Scripture Readings:** Micah 6:6-8

**Message** – *Covenant – A Foundational Word of Faith*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music *Hymn Tune ST. MICHAEL*

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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 *Find Us Faithful*

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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**CLOSING HYMN –** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION** from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi, Eds.

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. Amen.

*Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth*

*W& R#614*

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### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POSTLUDE** *Thaxted* by Gustav Holst

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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 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 @ [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!*

**PLEASE NOTE that our Mission Project for the month of February** focuses on receiving cash donations in support of disaster assistance for victims of the California Fires. Donations of cash or checks should be placed in an envelope and placed in the offering plates at the rear of the sanctuary. Checks should be made payable to UCC Westerly with “fire assistance” on the memo line.

**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.

*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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### **Micah 6:6-8**

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*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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### **Excerpt from the UCC Statement of Faith which is our focus for today:**

*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.*