



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
with UCC Westerly

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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PASTOR’S WELCOME

PRELUDE – *Gentle Spirit*
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DEACON’S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – adapted from Psalm 32
One: Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.
All: God will instruct us and teach us in the way we should go.
One: God will counsel us while keeping watch over us.
All: We shall be glad in the Lord and rejoice, shouting for joy in God’s love.

OPENING HYMN *All Things Bright and Beautiful* W&R#30
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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION
[adapted from *Calling on God*, Bankson & Sokolove, ©2014 SkyLights Paths Publishing, p. 296]
God of life and love, we gather here to join our hearts and voices in praise of all the glories and gifts of life each day. We come because you called us to be here. We come because we have learned that there are others here who’ll help us find our path through life in following you. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, O God of reconciliation, for we gather in the name of our Risen Savior who is Jesus the Christ. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT – **Blessing of the PNC Pet Donations**
We bring before you, O God, our humble gifts and donations as one small thing we can do in the face of the troubles and perils so many people in our community face each day. Holy One, please bless all those furry family members who will benefit from our gifts and all those working to distribute these gifts. Bless us in our giving and help us always to remember that those who receive these gifts are precious to you and that it is you who calls us to share from our abundance with them. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE
Scripture Reading: John 2:1-10
Message – Come to the Party
Meditation Music –

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee Rev. Ruth
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#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

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Special Music

Lenten Gifts

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 –

How Can I Keep from Singing?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION *adapted* from 1 Thessalonians 5:13-16

Be at peace among yourselves. Encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all. Do not repay evil for evil but always seek to do good. Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances. May the peace of God, the grace of Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit enfold you every moment of every day. Amen.

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

Lamentation

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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.

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 Bethany Foster. Please feel free to be in touch with her with your joys and concerns knowing that we care about you all the time, not just when you are here.

***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 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 in the rear of the sanctuary near the exit doors on either side. Thank you! A REMINDER THAT THE UCC'S "One Great Hour of Sharing" denomination wide offering is now being received. Details in BEACON.*

OUR MARCH MISSIONS PROJECT is the collection of pet food and supplies for so many in our community who are struggling to provide for their own needs and even more so for their pets. Canned food, kibble, kitty litter, etc. – All are needed and welcomed! Please place in the baskets under the altar. *TODAY is the final Sunday of this drive!* We are also always happy to receive food donations for the PNC'S food pantry in the donation basket at the rear of the sanctuary near the exit door to the upper parking lot.

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 worship. 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 in the front pews 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.

JOHN 2:1-10

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

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