



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

Second Sunday of Eastertide

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In-person &

Broadcast live from our sanctuary

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – *One Shepherd, One Fold*

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP –

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One: Christ our Savior is risen from the dead! Alleluia!

All: Let us sing together in joy as we celebrate that God comforts those whose hearts are broken.

One: In our gathering together in this season, we open ourselves to God who changes us, surprises us, informs us and draws us in.

All: God has raised Christ from the grave! The tomb is empty, and death has been defeated!

OPENING SONG – *The Day of Resurrection*

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[Adapted from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi, Eds., ©1990 The Pilgrim Press. p. 79]

God of Resurrection, we cry out to you as people living in a fractured world. Too often it seems that we live in a world of Good Fridays, where the innocent suffer and die, where hopes and dreams dissolve, where evil seems to triumph. God of Resurrection, bring Easter into our hearts, to our eyes and ears, to our lives this morning. In the name of Christ whose life and love could not be stamped out, whose resurrection is the hope and light of our lives, we pray. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT – *Blessing of the Babies & Ladies Donation Drive gifts*
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 the families who will benefit from our gifts and all those working to distribute these gifts. Bless us in our giving. 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 20:19-31

Message – “Peace Be With You”

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music - Holy, Holy, Holy

[Latin American, arr. Alan Pote., ©1908 Hope Publishing Company. CCLI#6253509]

#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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Anthem – *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

The Tone Chimes Choir

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Acknowledgement of Gifts & Offerings*

Doxology: [©Public Domain]

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.”

CLOSING SONG – *The Strife Is O’er*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION—

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Serve our God with patience and passion. Be deliberate in living your faith. Be steadfast in celebrating the Spirit’s power. And may peace and hope light your way through the world.

Amen.

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

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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 hope you will take one of our *Welcome* brochures and leave the information tear-off in the offering plates at the rear of the sanctuary. And please join us for fellowship time if you are so inclined! **ACTIVITIES FOR LITTLE ONES** are available in our Toddler Room at the rear of the sanctuary and on the table near the steps to that room.

**OUR DIACONATE PERSON 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!*

**TODAY IS THE FINAL SUNDAY OF OUR APRIL MISSIONS PROJECT!** Your generosity is deeply appreciated!

*PLEASE NOTE! Fellowship time will happen as usual but our Hall is in the process of final set-up for Attic Treasures. Please overlook our chaos and greet one another in joy!*

**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. In the front pews, you will also find 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.

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JOHN 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked [out]of fear ... Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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