



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

**June 8, 2025 @ 9:45am**  
**In-person & Broadcast live from our**  
**sanctuary**  
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**CELEBRATING PENTECOST!!!**

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**PASTOR'S WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** – *Spirit of the Living Lord*

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**DEACON'S WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** – from Psalm 104

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**All: You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.**

One: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

**All: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

**OPENING HYMN** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

W&R#326

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**UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

[adapted from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi, Eds., ©1990 The Pilgrim Press. p. 178-9]

**Creator God, it is in our lives that we become aware of your Spirit within us. It is in the rhythms of the world that we hear your footsteps and feel your breath upon us. We have built this house of worship not as a vault to contain you but as a reminder of the sanctuary that is the world you have created. This sanctuary is not the only place we find you but because of this place we are reminded to look for you. It is in our lives that we know you are alive. We thank you for the lives you have given us, for the senses through which we experience life, for our souls which reach out to you. This we pray in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.**

**THE MORNING MESSAGE**

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 2:41-47

**Message** – *The Marks of the Church*

**Meditation Music** – *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

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

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS\*

Special Music      *God Has Spoken*

The Voice Choir

[WORDS: Chris Anderson, MUSIC: Greg Habegger. Arrang. By Richard A. Nichols. ©2015 & 2018 Church Wors Media, used by permission.]

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 – *Go Now in Peace*

W&R#717

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION –

Eternal God, grant that we may go into the world from this place in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus. Send us forth in peace, with the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship 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      *Sing Praise*

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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. Please check out our Welcome flyer in the pew and fill out the information section 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 is Allana Allik.** 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](http://www.uccwesterly.org) or mail your checks, made payable to UCC Westerly, to us at 9 Castle Hill Road, Pawcatuck, CT 06379.*

**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.

### **ACTS 2:41-47**

So those who welcomed Peter’s message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*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.*

*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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