



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP *with UCC Westerly*

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

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PASTOR’S WELCOME

INTROIT *Surely the Presence* The Voice Choir
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PRELUDE – *Love of the Father*
[David Paxton, based on a tune by Orlando Gibbons. ©2005 Lorenz Publishing Company. Used by permission.]

DEACON’S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – from Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands.

All: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God’s presence with singing!

One: Know that the Lord who made us is God!

All: We are the people of God. Give thanks and bless God’s name.

OPENING HYMN *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* W&R#7
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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from *Calling on God*, Bankson & Sokolove, Eds., ©2014 Skylight Paths Publishing, p. 202-03]

God of breath and hope, we thank you for the gift of forgiveness, for the gift of love, for the gift of your presence among us. We give thanks for the old and the young among us, for new visions and precious traditions, for faith shown and courage displayed. We give you thanks for the gifts and talents of Dav and Jenny and Doug, and for our ever faithful choir members. On this Father’s Day we give you thanks for fathers and grandfathers, for brothers and uncles, for cousins and husbands, for friends and companions, for all the men who share their lives with others so willingly and completely. We give you thanks for all these gifts, and for the many more which fill our hearts with love and our voices with songs of praise. All this we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

A MOMENT OF GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION

Presentation of Certificates and Roses to the people who gift us with music each Sunday!

Voice Choir Members: Allana Allik, Erin Blake, Doug Brummund, Jenny Brummund, Carolyn LeRoy, Ede Steele, Ed Stratton, Melissa Stratton

Tone Chime Choir Members: Allana Allik, Erin Blake, Carolyn LeRoy, Lynn Murray, Ede Steele, Melissa Stratton, Kathy Tarasuk

Occasional Guest Singers supporting the Voice Choir: Hazel Allik, Ivy Allik

Composer and Vocalist in Residence: Doug Brummund

Sound Board Operator: Jenny Brummund

Organist and Choirs Director: David Cranmer

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Message – *Character Produces Hope*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – *Happy the Home When God Is There*

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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 *I Would Be True*

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 – *Faith of Our Fathers*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION – *Anonymous*

May the light of God surround you, the love of God enfold you, the power of God protect you and the presence of God watch over you this day and always. May you always remember and celebrate that wherever you are, God is there with you. Amen.

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

W&R#614

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE *The Voice of 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 Joann Spurley. 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.

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.

ROMANS 5: 1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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.

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