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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP *with UCC Westerly*

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In-person & Broadcast live from our
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PASTOR’S WELCOME

PRELUDE – *In the Stillness*

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DEACON’S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – adapted from Psalm 43

One: O God, send out your light and your truth; let them lead me.

All: Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

One: Then I will praise you with great joy and music in my heart.

All: My hope is in God always; my joy and my hope.

OPENING HYMN

Sweet Hour of Prayer

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from *An Iona Prayerbook*, Peter Millar, Ed. ©2000, Canterbury Press, Norwich, UK, p. 87 – A prayer by Martin Luther]

Behold in me, O Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; At times I doubt and am unable to trust you. O Lord help me. Strengthen my faith and my trust in you. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:15-29

Message – *An Invitation to a Summer of Prayer*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – *When We Are Living*

[Spanish melody arranged by Hal. H. Hopson ©1998 Hope Publishing Company. CCLI#4968810]

#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

Doug Brummund

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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 – *Take Time to Be Holy*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION – *Anonymous*

O Loving God, grant us minds to know you, hearts to love you, hands to do your work and voices raised in song and prayer. Amen.

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

W & R #614

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE *With a 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 Christina Brummund.** 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.

## **MARK 9:15-29**

When the whole crowd saw Jesus, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak, and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so. He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at his mouth. Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you are able! -- All things can be done for the one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "This kind can come out only through prayer."

*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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