



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

***July 6, 2025 @ 9:45am***

*In-person & Broadcast live  
from our sanctuary  
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***HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND!!!***

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**PASTOR'S WELCOME**

**DEACON'S WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** — from Psalm 19

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**All: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

One: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

**All: Yet the voice goes out through all the earth, and the words to the end of the world.**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

*W&R#730, v. 1-3*

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**MUTUAL PRAYERS OF REFLECTION, CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God, in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

**Deacon & Congregation: May God forgive you, Christ renew you and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

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Pastor: May God forgive you, Christ renew you and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.  
Amen.

**A CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Note: Ours is an Open Table meaning that anyone who finds meaning in the sacrament is welcome to partake. Do note that our elements are gluten and alcohol free.

An Affirmation of Faith -- *An Affirmation of Faith* from the Christian Conference of Asia  
[adapted from the *New Century Sampler*, ©1993 The Pilgrim Press, p. 57]

**I believe in God, who is love and who has given the earth to all people.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us and to free us from all forms of oppression.**

**I believe in the Spirit of God who works in and through all who have turned towards the truth.**

**I believe in the Community of Faith which is called to be at the service of all people.**

**I believe in God's promise to finally destroy the power of sin in us all, and to establish the dominion of justice and peace to all humanity.**

Song of Preparation – *Let Us Break Bread Together*

W&R#699, v. 1

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Words of Invitation, Explanation and Consecration

Partaking in the bread and cup together

Meditation Music –

**Prayer of Thanksgiving: May we find in this sacred meal renewal for our hearts and minds, sustenance for our bodies and courage for the journey ahead wherever it may lead us. As we move forward today may we never forget that we always have a place waiting for us at the Table of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **THE MORNING MESSAGE**

**Scripture Reading:** Micah 4:3-4

*Message – Two Readings to Inspire\**

Rev. Ruth

## **#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

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 –** *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION** Numbers 6:24-26

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God's countenance enfold you and give you peace, this day and forever more. Amen.

*Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth*

W& R#614

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## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POSTLUDE --** *The Joyful Sounds of God's People!*

**TRAVELING MERCIES** to our organist Dav Cranmer who is enjoying some time off this holiday weekend.

***#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. 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 take one of our Welcome brochures in the pew. We'd love to stay in touch with you so if you could fill out the information part of the flyer leave it in one of the offering plates, we promise to honor your privacy and not be too pushy! 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](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! **Kindly remember that on Communion Sundays we also receive our Deacons Fund offering in the specially marked baskets next to the regular plates in the rear of the sanctuary. These funds are used to provide emergency assistance to members of the church and the community as well as purchasing supplies used in worship. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.***

**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.

**A REMINDER THAT REV. RUTH WILL BE ON VACATION** from July 10-28. She will be working from home on Tuesday, July 29 and will return to the office on Wednesday, July 30. Please be in touch with the Deacon Person of the Week for any pastoral needs while she is away. Thanks!

*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.*

## **MICAH 4:3-4**

God shall judge between many peoples and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more, but they shall sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

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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\*The two readings:

*President Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address*, March 4, 1865

*The Hill We Climb* by Amanda Gorman, an original poem offered by the poet at the inauguration of President Joe Biden. January 20, 2021