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**SUNDAY MORNING
WORSHIP
with UCC Westerly**

July 13, 2025 @ 9:45am

**Please note live streaming is temporarily not happening due to technical issues.*

HAPPY SUMMER!!

**If we are all people of God, who is our neighbor?
The sinner, the saint, the outcast, the beloved, the oppressed, the powerful, the powerful, the poor, and the wealthy. We all need God's love; we all need to love one another.**

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE "I shall Not Want"
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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP —

Leader: When tears are our food,
People: God comes with a feast.
Leader: When fear is our path,
People: God brings us courage.
Leader: When sorrow is our friend,
People: God comforts and loves us.
Leader: When all hope seems lost,
People: God is our rock and redeemer.
Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* *W&R #569*

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Come to us in silence and word, O God. Speak to our hearts, that we may hear and respond. Soothe our souls, that we may rest and renew. Strengthen our spirits, that we may grow in faith and courage. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

Musical Meditation – *“Now Let Us Learn of Christ”*

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Message

A Prayer for Us

Rev. Ede

#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

Music Selection Offered by Melissa Stratton

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 – *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

W&R #574

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

W&R #614

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE -- *“With a Song Ringing”* [Ross Anderson ©2000 Lorenz Publishing Co. CCLI#3148019]

#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 Lynn Murray. 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. **A REMINDER that offering plates** are located at each entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you!

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Members can pick up their pledge statements for the second quarter on the pew in the rear of the sanctuary. Statements not picked up will be mailed mid-July. Please speak to Jenny Brummund if you have any questions or concerns.

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 10th until the 28th. She will be working from home on Tuesday, July 29th and will return to the office on Wednesday, July 30th. 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.

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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