



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

July 20, 2025 @ 9:45am

***WELCOME TO POETRY
SUNDAY!!***

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DEACON'S WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Here I Am, Lord”

[Daniel L. Schutte, arranged by Douglas E. Wagner, c1981 by Daniel L. Schutte and New Dawn Music]

CALL TO WORSHIP — from Psalm 15

One: O Lord, who shall abide in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

All: The one who walks blamelessly, and does what is right and speaks truth from the heart.

One: The one who does not slander with the tongue, and does no evil to a friend, nor takes up a reproach against a neighbor.

All: The one in whose eyes a reproach is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord.

OPENING HYMN

Wonderful Words of Life

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New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, Our Savior, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:9-10

Musical Meditation

Message — *“A Poem I Love Is ...”*

Everyone!

#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

Solo offered by Erin Blake

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 – *Lord, Speak to Me*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION *UCC Book of Worship*

May God’s Holy Spirit lead you. May God’s strength protect you. May God’s peace be with you. Go now in the name of God, by the grace of Christ, and with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE -- *“March in F”* [William Stickles, c1957 by Ethel Smith Music Corporation]

#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 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 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!

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.

LUKE 11:9-10

“So I say to you, Ask and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you, for everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”

To request a copy of today's message be sent to you, kindly contact the office at (860) 599-1226 or uccwesterly@gmail.com

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