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**SUNDAY MORNING  
WORSHIP  
with UCC Westerly**

**July 27, 2025 @ 9:45am**

*In-person & Broadcast live  
from our sanctuary  
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**WELCOME TO HYMN SING  
SUNDAY!**

**GATHERING MUSIC** — [WORDS & MUSIC: Doug Brummund, ©2024-25 B.R. Music. All rights reserved. Used with permission.]

**DEACON'S WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**                    *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*  
[Sebastian Temple, setting by Douglas E. Wagner, c1967 by OCP Publications]

**CALL TO WORSHIP** — adapted from Psalm 147

**One:** It is good to sing praises to our God; a song of praise is fitting.

**All:** **The Lord determines the number of stars and gives to all of them their names.**

**One:** Great is our God, and abundant in power, whose understanding is beyond measure.

**All:** **Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving and make melody to show God your love.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION** from THE UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL, ©1989, p. 878

**We praise and thank you, O God, for are without beginning and without end. Through Christ you created the whole world and through Christ you preserve it. You made the day for the works of light and the night for the refreshment of our minds and bodies. Through Christ and in the Holy Spirit, we offer you all glory, honor and worship, now and forever. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Samuel 16:23**

**HYMN SING!**

*The plan is to sing one, at most two, verses of several hymns! What is your favorite?*

**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 "Ten Thousand Angels"

Offered by Ed Stratton

[Ray Overholt, c1959 by Lillenas Publishing Company]

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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION** by W.E.B. DuBois, appearing in the *UCC New Century Hymnal*, \*861

As we leave here this day, let us remember those who are in the bonds of poverty, who have neither sufficient food nor drink, the beauty of home, or the love of beauty. Bring us to the day, O God, when the world shall no longer know such poverty as stunts growth and feeds crime, and teach us to realize that such things are not necessary to earth but are the result of our greed and selfishness, our wastefulness and willful forgetting. Amen.

*Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth*

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## PASSING OF THE PEACE

**POSTLUDE** - "March of the Kings" [William Stickles, c1957 by Ethel Smith Music Corporation]

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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. 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 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 Allana Allik.** 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!

**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.*

### **1 Samuel 16:23**

And whenever the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand, and Saul would be relieved and feel better, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

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

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