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**SUNDAY MORNING
WORSHIP
with UCC Westerly**

August 3, 2025 @ 9:45am

*In-person & Broadcast live
from our sanctuary
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**COMMUNION
SUNDAY!**

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE *With this Cup and With this Bread*

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP — from Psalm 107

One: O give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let those who are wise give heed to these things

All: And trust in the steadfast love of our God.

OPENING HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

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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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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 -- based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20

[as appearing in *The United Methodist Hymnal*, 1990 edition, #888]

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Christ died for sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one of God, the firstborn of all creation, the first born from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

Song of Preparation – *Let Us Break Bread Together*

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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: 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Meditation Music - *You Call Us, Lord*

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Message – “As My Ancestors Did”

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 - *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Carolyn LeRoy & Melissa Stratton

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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 – *God You Spin the Whirling Planets*

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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

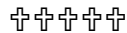
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PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE -- With Joyous 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. 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 and 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 Joann Spurley. 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 "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! **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.

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.

2 TIMOTHY 1:1-7

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling

your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you at the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

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

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