



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP **with UCC Westerly**

August 17, 2025 @ 9:45am

*In-person & Broadcast live
from our sanctuary
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Sarah – What she might have looked like

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PASTOR’S WELCOME

PRELUDE *Offertory on “Manoah”*
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DEACON’S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – from Psalm 80

One: Restore us, O God, let your face shine that we may be saved.

All: **Let your hand be upon the one you made strong for yourself.**

One: Give us life and we will call on your name.

All: **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us!**

OPENING HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* *W&R#71*
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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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Eternal One, you call us to praise you, to sing psalms and hymns, making melody to you in our hearts. You call us to listen for your voice, to look at the world around us, to attend to the whispers of our hearts. You call us to become prayer, and so we offer our lives to you. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and be patient with us as we learn to live as members of the living Body of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Genesis 17:1-5, 15-22

Meditation Music *For Ages Women Hoped and Prayer*

Message – *Oh Yes She Did*

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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 *Like A River Glorious*

Melissa Stratton, Soloist

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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 When Human Bonds Are Broken*

W&R #416

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION *Anonymous*

May God grant us all minds to know God, hearts to love God, hands to do God's work and voices to sing God's praises. Amen

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

W&R #614

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE *Acclamation of Praise*

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#A MOMENT TO BREATHE is an experience of Thich Nhat Hanh'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 person and those joining online. Online participants are encouraged to give via the "Donate" button at 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 take with you as a source of comfort to those struggling. For more information on our prayer ministries please speak with any Deacon or Rev. Ruth at any time.

A FEW REMINDERS!

- ❖ Bazaar Planning Meeting this morning @ 11am in the Parlor! All welcome!
- ❖ The School Supplies donation drive runs through August 24.

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.

GENESIS 17:1-5, 15-22

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.”

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, “Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” And Abraham said to God, “O that Ishmael might live in your sight!” God said, “No, but your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will bless him and make him fruitful and exceedingly numerous; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year.” And when he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

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