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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP with UCC Westerly

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In-person &

Broadcast live from our sanctuary

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – *Just as I Am*
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A Duet on Clarinet by Julie Grillo & Carol Gregg

DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – from Psalm 119

One: Your testimonies are wonderful, O God; therefore, my soul keeps them.

All: The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding simply.

One: Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let not iniquity control me.

All: Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.

***OPENING HYMN** -- *Sweet Hour of Prayer*
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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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Marvelous and amazing God, we come together this soft fall morning to celebrate the knowledge that we are in your midst. We marvel in the way you set the earth on its foundation so that it shall never be shaken. We celebrate the way you call us into the future, revealed to us only as fast as we move toward it. We treasure your call to love and justice which you draw gently from our hearts. Reveal your presence to us, O God of all creation, for we gather in the name of Jesus, our Savior and your Son. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: John 20:11-18

Message – *The Very First One*

Meditation Music – *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Rev. Ruth

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#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

Praise for the Church

performed by the Voice Choir

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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.”* [©Public Domain]

CLOSING HYMN – *In the Garden

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

from the 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

Chorale Postlude

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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 and leave us your contact information, if you would like. 😊

#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.

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 online. Gifts can be made online via the “Donate” button @ www.uccwesterly.org or mail your checks, made payable to UCC Westerly, 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. These include prayer notebooks within which to write specific prayer requests for Sunday worship, prayer candle tables at which you may light a candle for your own prayer concerns. Prayer shawls and prayer bears are also available to take with you for support in your prayers at home. For more information, please speak with any Deacon or Rev. Ruth at any time.

A REMINDER THAT THIS MONTH’S MISSIONS PROJECT IS gathering pajamas in all sizes to support Operation Fresh Start’s “Grammie’s Pajammies” collection. All sizes needed except for

infants and needed especially is adult size XXL+!!! **ADDITIONALLY, Rev. Ruth has just learned there is an urgent and increasing need for food among those who are being negatively impacted by the government shut-down and related factors. Please bring your food donations in and place in or near the large bucket NOW IN THE FRONT OF SANCTUARY NEAR THE BAPTISMAL FONT. Thank you.**

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.

John 20:11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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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