



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP with UCC Westerly

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE — *Lord, Revive Us*

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP — from Psalm 84

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: **My soul longs for the courts of the Lord.**

One: At your altars even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest.

All: **Blessed are those who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

***OPENING HYMN** -- *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[*Calling on God*, Bankson & Sokolove, Eds., ©2014 Skylights Paths Publishing, p. 239.]

Faithful Giver of hope and promise, you give us laughter and sunlight, storm clouds and shadows. You hold all of creation in your hands, surprising us with blessings just when we think all has been lost. When the news fills our eyes and ears with death and destruction, we ask you, who once became human and died on a cross, to live among us again helping us to fulfill your dream of justice and peace. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Acts 12:12-17

Message — *Rhoda's Big Chance*

Meditation Music — *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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

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Special Music

Love Divine

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 – *Open My Eyes, That I May See

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi, Eds.

The way is long, let us go together. The way is difficult, let us help each other. The way is joyful, let us share it. The way is Christ's for Christ is the Way, let us follow. The way is open before us, let us go. With the love of God, the grace of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

Postlude on ‘A Mighty Fortress Is Our God’

[Max Reger, based on a humn tune by Martin Luther, edited by Dennis Eliot. ©2006, 2007 Lorenz Publishing Company, CCLI#4848246]

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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 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 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. We are in need of all sizes

except infant, with a special need for adult sizes XXL and up! **ADDITIONALLY**, Rev. Ruth is inviting our support in responding to 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 in the front of the sanctuary. Thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY is All Saints Sunday and you are invited to bring a photo or other small memento of any loved one who has died whom you would like remembered in special prayers that day. You can place your item on the altar when you arrive.

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.

Acts 12:12-17

As soon Peter realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. On recognizing Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. They said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she insisted that it was so. They said, "It is his angel." Meanwhile Peter continued knocking, and when they opened the gate, they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷ He motioned to them with his hand to be silent and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, "Tell this to James and to the brothers and sisters." Then he left and went to another place.

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!