



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP with UCC Westerly

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THANKSGIVING SUNDAY!

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE

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DEACON'S WELCOME

A RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 46*

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: **Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth and our lives should change.**

One: Come, behold the works of our God as he brings peace and new beginning to the earth.

All: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

OPENING HYMN -- *We Gather Together*

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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Gracious God, who gives and gives and gives to us again, hear our plea for one more gift. Grant to us a generous spirit that we may find and return to you all that you have given this world of the ordinary and the extraordinary, for you are the source and gift of life itself. May we be worthy of your generosity and increasingly skilled in sharing it with all those in need we encounter. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Romans 16:3-7

Message – *Thanksgiving for the Forgotten Now Remembered*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music

#A MOMENT TO BREATHE

A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer in whatever words are most comfortable for you.

Musical response

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS*

Anthem *Give Thanks to God*

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.”*

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CLOSING HYMN – *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

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A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

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Go from this place to reap the harvest of God’s love. Go from this place to continue to sow seeds of justice, peace, hope and love. Go from this place to nourish and to be nourished, knowing that God is ever part of our lives. Amen.

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

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OUR FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are offered to the glory of God by Vera Leming for birthday celebration!

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!! Deadline to order is Sunday, November 30!

A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUEST ORGANIST THIS MORNING!! We are very pleased to welcome Michael McCarthy as our Guest Organist this morning. Michael is playing for us this week and next as Dav takes his annual Thanksgiving vacation with close friends in sunny southern California!!

#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. If you lose track of your count at any point, start over. This is a remarkably simple but highly effective breathing exercise that calms your mind and heart. Enjoy! 😊

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. If you are comfortable doing so, please find one of our *CONTACT* cards in the back of the sanctuary to fill out and leave in one of the offering plates. 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 Lynn Murray. Please feel free to be in touch with her with your joys and concerns knowing that we care about you every day.

KINDLY NOTE THIS INVITATION TO ALL FORMER DEACONS! If you would like to serve as a Deacon at any of the upcoming Advent or Christmas Services, please speak with Rev. Ruth or any current Deacon. The Deacons would surely appreciate your assistance during this busy time of year!!!!

****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 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! A reminder as well that is never too late to turn in a pledge form if you have not already done so.*

***AN INVITATION TO ALL FOR NEXT SUNDAY’S MORNING MESSAGE!** We will mark the First Sunday of Advent of **November 30** with another **Poetry Sunday**. If you would like, you are invited to bring in a poem about **HOPE** to share with us next week.*

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. You will also find prayer candle tables at which you may light a candle for your own prayer concerns. You will also find in the front pews prayer shawls and prayer bears 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.

ROMANS 16:3-7

Greet Prisca and Aquila, who work with me in Christ Jesus, and who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert^[a] in Asia for Christ. Greet Mary, who has worked very hard among you. Greet Andronicus and Junia,^[b] my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.

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