



## ***SUNDAY WORSHIP***

*with UCC Westerly*

**January 18, 2026 @ 9:45am**

## In-person &

## Broadcast live from our sanctuary

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## *The Prophets' Call to Hope*

**GATHERING MUSIC** – A selection from the many songs written, performed and recorded by Doug Brummund.  
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## PASTOR'S WELCOME

**PRELUDE**      *Peace Descends*

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## DEACON'S GREETING

**CALL TO WORSHIP** – *from Psalm 40*

One: I waited patiently for the Lord who inclined to me and heard my cry.

**All: God drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog.**

One: God set my feet upon a rock making my steps secure.

**All:** God put a new song of praise in my heart.

**OPENING HYMN –**     *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*W&R#358, v. 1-3*

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## UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from *Calling on God*, Bankson & Sokolove, Eds., ©2014, Skylights Paths Publishing, p. 20]

**Holy God of all creation we gather here to worship you with praise and prayer and song. We're here to celebrate the way your Spirit moves among us as you draw us up from the pit of desolation. You put the solid rock of community here under our feet in this place. We gather here in the name of Jesus who shows us how to hope, even when voices all around us warn us to be afraid. Amen.**

## THE MORNING MESSAGE

**Scripture Reading:** Jeremiah 29:10-14

### *Message – Plans for the Future*

## Music Meditation – *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

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

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

## Acknowledgement of Gifts & Offerings\*

Anthem – *Morning Has Broken*

The Tone Chimes Choir

[Arranged by David Evans, ©1927 by Oxford University Press. CCLI#5002108.]

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 –

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

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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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*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;*

*let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.*

*With God our creator, children all are we.*

*Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.*

*With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:*

*To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.*

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

### POSTLUDE – *A Light on Our Way*

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**#A MOMENT TO BREATHE** is an experience of Thích Nhat Hanh’s breath of 10 exercise. It is very simple, inviting you to breathe as you normally would but noting each breath in and each breath out. This is a remarkably simple but highly effective breathing exercise that can reset 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 so we respectfully request that you fill out one of our visitor cards with a little information about yourself. And please 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.

**\*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](http://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!

**FOURTH QUARTER (YEAR-END) STATEMENTS** are available for pick up in the rear of the sanctuary. Any questions please see Jenny Brummund.

**OUR CURRENT MISSIONS DONATION DRIVE is once again to support the community food pantry at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. Nonperishable food of all types is needed as well as juices, powdered milk, coffee and tea. Paper products are also always welcome as are pet food and supplies donations. Some of our neighbors are truly hurting and this is one simple thing we can all do to help! Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

**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 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.

**If you have any comments or questions on the sermon each week, please look for Rev. Ruth during Fellowship Time and talk with her! She wants to hear your thoughts!**

*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 .*

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## JEREMIAH 29:10-14

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

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

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