



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
with UCC Westerly
on
Christmastide Sunday
CELEBRATING THE CHILD IN US ALL!

December 28, 2025 @ 9:45am
In-person &
Broadcast live from our sanctuary
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Gathering Music –

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PASTOR’S WELCOME

DEACON’S GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

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We gather today to celebrate the great joy of your gift of presence in our midst. We ask that you draw our hearts together in this celebration of joy as we blend our voices into a vibrant note of thankfulness and hope. Enable us to know deep down in our bones that we are not alone, that you are here with us on the Way, for we’ve gathered to sing and pray and celebrate in the name of Jesus, newborn among us as the Messiah.

OPENING SONG – *Joy to the World*

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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God of life and love, holy Mystery of wildness and order, we listen for your call in these uncertain times. On this cold morning at the end of a turbulent year, we raise our voices with the angels and the seas, the mountains, and the flocks. Help us remind each other that each one of us is part of your good news, part of your message of hope and mystery and wonder, part of the body of the living Christ. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture: Psalm 150

Message *Celebrating Fun!*

Rev. Ruth

#A MOMENT TO BREATHE

THE GIFT OF PRAYING TOGETHER

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayers

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Acknowledgement of Gifts & Offerings*

Doxology: [©Public Domain]

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.”

CLOSING SONG – *What Child Is This*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION [Anonymous]

Loving God, grant us minds to know you, hearts to love you, hands to do your work and voices to sing your praise. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Postlude – *The joyful sounds of the UCC Westerly church family!*

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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. Enjoy! 😊

**TO ANY VISITORS WITH US, 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 Christina B.** 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 the 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. 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 outside Fellowship Hall, or you can check with Jerin in the office.

### **PSALM 150**

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!<sup>[a]</sup>

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!



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Jerin Peloquin, Office Coordinator

*PLEASE NOTE that the church office will be closed on Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Day.*

*HAPPY NEW YEAR*

*From the Staff!!*

*Rev. Ruth     Dav     Jerin*

**REMINDER! Sunday, January 4, 2026 @ 9:45AM**

**EPIPHANY & our STAR SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

**Festive service of Communion, Light and Star Words for the coming year!**