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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE *The Constant Heart*
[Annabella S. Wallace., 1950 by Lorenz Publishing Company. CCLI#3966370]

DEACON'S GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP - *from Psalm 27*
One: The Lord is my light and salvation!
All: Whom shall I fear?
One: The Lord is the stronghold of my life.
All: Of whom should I be afraid?

OPENING HYMN - *When Our Confidence Is Shaken* W&R#413
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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION
[Bankson & Sokolove, Eds., *Calling on God*, ©2014 SkyLight Paths Publishing. p. 54]
Loving God, who wipes away tears and joins in our smiles, thank you for guiding here to this sacred space this morning. We have come to be with each other, to pray and sing and learn with each other because you have called us here. Fill us with your love, your courage and your abiding hope as we gather in the name of our Son, our Savior Jesus the Christ. Amen.

A MISSION MOMENT - *A Word of Thanks for gifts we have given*

THE MORNING MESSAGE
Scripture Reading: Psalm 23
Music Meditation - *Children of the Heavenly Father* [Public Domain]
Message - *Dark Valleys* Rev. Ruth

#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 - *Come, Let Us Sing*

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 SONG - *How Can I Keep from Singing*

W&R#424

[WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray & MUSIC: Colin Gibson. ©1992 Hope Publishing Company. CCLI#1211141]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION from *The United Methodist Hymnal*

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love and of his Son Jesus, and the blessing of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be among you and remain with you always.

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 - Andante

[E.L. Ashford 1925 Lorenz Publishing Company. CCLI # 3943812]

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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. If you lose track of your count at any point, start over. This is a remarkably simple but highly effective breathing exercise that can reset 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 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 is Jenny Brummund.** 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!

**A REMINDER!** *The is the last Sunday for this month's Missions Project to encourage your support of RICAN (Rhode Island Center Assisting those in Need)* through the cash donation jar in Fellowship Hall. Please also bring in food donations for local food pantries as the need is dire!

**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.

*The flower vases this morning are given by the Grays in celebration of George's birthday!*

*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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PSALM 23

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;^[a]
- ³ he restores my soul.^[b]
He leads me in right paths^[c]
for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,^[d]
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely^[e] goodness and mercy^[f] shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.^[g]

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