



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

March 8, 2026 @ 9:45am

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3rd Sunday in Lent

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

PRELUDE *Day Most Holy*
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DEACON’S GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP – *from Psalm 112*
One: Worship the Lord and sing God’s praises.
All: We come into the Lord’s presence with songs of thanksgiving.
One: Make a joyful noise for the rock of our salvation.
All: We rejoice in our time together.
One: Drink of Christ’s living water.
All: We thirst for God’s love.
One: Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN – *Love Divine All Loves Excelling* W&R#358

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Holy One, we yearn to draw near as we arrive in this place. We come to calm our hearts, soothe our fears, and deepen our faith. As the Samaritan woman before us, help us draw cool water from the well of your love, and help us leave with the living water of belief, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11
Message – “Peace” Rev. Ede
Music Meditation – *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*
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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 – *What Wonderful Love is This*

Tone Chimes 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 – *Rock of Ages*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

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 – *Verset*

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***WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT OUR OWN REV. DR. EDE STEELE***, who has graciously agreed to cover for Rev. Ruth while she and Peter are visiting their daughter and family in Seattle.

***#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 for this week is *Bethany Foster*.** 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 Missions Project this month is to encourage your support of the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering of the United Church of Christ. Envelopes available near the offering plates OR write a check made payable to UCC Westerly with "OGHS" on the memo line! Details in March Beacon.

**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.

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

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