



**SUNDAY MORNING
WORSHIP**
with UCC Westerly

March 29, 2026 @ 9:45am
In -person &
Broadcast live from our sanctuary
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**THE PALM SUNDAY
SYMBOLS SERVICE**

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE – *Postlude on Silver Street*

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DEACON'S WELCOME

INTROIT – *Entrance into Jerusalem*

The Voice Choir

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CALL TO WORSHIP *Excerpts from Psalm 118*

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to God.

All: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

OPENING SONG -- *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

W&R#265, v. 1, 3, 5

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[adapted from *Calling on God*, Bankson & Sokolove, Eds. ©2014, Skylight Paths Publishing. p. 174-5]

Holy One, on this day of Palms and Passion, you call us to remember your life and death among us. You call us to witness your triumphal procession, your challenge to worldly power, your humble service to those who love you, your self-giving in bread and wine. You call us to be present at your final meal as incarnate being, at your prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, at your agony and death upon the cross. As we wave our palms of anticipation, waken us into awareness of your presence within us, among us, and around us that we may become joined with you as members of the incarnate, risen Body of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ENCOUNTERING THE EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK IN WORD AND SYMBOL

Words of Introduction		<i>Rev. Ruth</i>
<i>Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem</i> Luke 19:29-40 Symbol: Palm Branch		<i>Kathy Tarasuk</i>
<i>Jesus Was a Rabbi</i> Isiah 50:4-9a Symbol: Sacred Text		<i>JoAnn Spurley</i>
<i>Foreshadowing Jesus' Death</i> Matthew 26:6-13 Symbol: Alabaster Jar		<i>Sandi Davis</i>
<i>Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet</i> John 13:1-17 Symbol: Pitcher of water, Towel		<i>Lynn Murray</i>
<i>Jesus' Last Meal with the Disciples</i> Matthew 26:17-29 Symbol: Bread & Cup		<i>Jenny Brummund</i>
MEDITATION HYMN – <i>Spirit of the Living God</i> [WORDS: Daniel Iverson & Michael Baughen (v. 2) & MUSIC: Daniel Iverson. ©Christian Music Publishing] & WORDS v. 2: ©1982 Jubilate Hymns (Admin. Hope Publishing Company)]		<i>W&R#492</i>
<i>Jesus Prays for the Disciples</i> John 17: 1-21 (selected verses) Symbol: Jesus image		<i>Tim Tilney</i>
<i>Jesus Is Betrayed</i> Luke 22:39-53 Symbol: Silver coins		<i>Bethany Foster</i>
<i>Jesus on Trial</i> John 18:12-14; 28-38 Symbol: Crown of Thorns		<i>Ed Stratton</i>
<i>Jesus Is Crucified</i> John 19:16-30 Symbol: Hammer, nail, wood		<i>Gary Davis</i>
<i>Jesus Is Buried</i> Luke 23:50-56 Symbol: Shroud		<i>Rev. Ruth</i>

#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: *Ride On, Ride on in Majesty*

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

The Voice Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION—

[adapted from Duck & Tirabassi, *Touch Holiness*, ©1990, The United Church Press, p. 241]

Even on this Palm Sunday, the gateway to Holy Week for Christians around the world, there are still so many who say they cannot find God. And I tell you: God is in our future, calling us. God is in our past, forgiving us. God is in the present, loving us. There is no greater blessing, and no greater hope for us all. Amen.

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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 – Vigil

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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 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, 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 for this week is JoAnn Spurley. 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 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!

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.

This Sunday's Chancel Flowers were donated by Carolyn LeRoy in celebration and memory of Daniels 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.

There is no sermon this Sunday since the focus is on readings from Scripture. But, if you would like a complete copy of those readings, please contact Jerin in the office (860) 599-1226 or uccwesterly@gmail.com.



Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 2 @ 6pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE OF TENEBRAE and COMMUNION

Friday, April 3 from 12-3pm

GOOD FRIDAY VIGIL AT THE LABYRINTH

Sunday, April 5

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT STONINGTON POINT @ 6:00am

FESTIVAL EASTER SERVICE WITH PROCESSION HERE @ 9:45am



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