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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

with UCC Westerly

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MOTHERS DAY

GATHERING MUSIC — A selection from the many songs written, performed and recorded and/or arranged by Doug Brummund. [WORDS & MUSIC: Doug Brummund, ©2022, 23,24,25 B.R. Music. All rights reserved. Used with permission.]

PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude in E Flat

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DEACON'S GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP — *from Psalm 67*

One: O God, be gracious to us and make your face to shine upon us;

All: That your way may be known upon the earth

One: And your saving power among all nations.

All: Let all the peoples praise you, O God.

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy for you judge the peoples with equity,

All: And guide the nations upon the earth.

OPENING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

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[©Public Domain] (NOTE: Please feel free to substitute the word “mother” or “parent” in verse 3 if that feels right today!)

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

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God of all Creation, we come together this morning to celebrate the love that pours from you through us and out into the world. Enable us to see that this is a time of new beginnings, not only in the world around us as flowers bud and bloom, but in the world within us too. We give thanks for the Good News in Christ Jesus through which we are each invited to a new beginning. We bring our prayers of praise and thanks for hope and healing in our troubled world. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: John 19:26-27

Music Meditation – *The King of Love my Shepherd Is*

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Message – *Jesus' Mom*

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 – *A Home of Grace*

[WORDS: Joseph M. Martin MUSIC: Irish Melody arranged by Joseph M. Martin. ©2016 Hope Publishing Company. CCLI#7062962]

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.*”

The Voice Choir

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CLOSING SONG – *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION Anonymous

May the Light of God surround you; the Love of God enfold you; the Power of God protects you and the Presence of God watches over you always. Wherever you are, God is. 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 – *Chorale Postlude*

[J.S. Bach; arranged by Ellen Jane Lorenz ©1958 & 1975, Lorenz Publishing Company. CCLI#2131089]

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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. NOTE: 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 Lynn Murray. Please feel free to be in touch with her with your joys and concerns knowing that we care about you every day. You may reach her by phone at (401) 450-9249 or by email at mmurray552@verizon.net

***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!

A REMINDER THAT THIS MONTH’S DONATION DRIVE is for “Babies, Ladies & Gents.” Specifically, we are looking for toiletry items for babies, ladies and men. We would also appreciate receiving feminine products. Our donations will go to the “community supply closet” for these items maintained by Operation Fresh Start, UCC Westerly’s partner in ministry housed on our lower floor. What you do does make a difference!

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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## **JOHN 19:26-27**

26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” 27 Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

*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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