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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP **with UCC Westerly**

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sanctuary**

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Summer a little longer...

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PASTOR’S WELCOME

PRELUDE *Christ, the Bread*

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DEACON’S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – excerpted from *Psalms 105*

One: Give thanks to our God; do not hesitate to call on God’s name!

All: Sing to God, joyful praises that tell of all God’s wonderful works!

One: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Seek the Lord and the strength God offers.

OPENING HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

adapted from a prayer by Thich Nhat Hanh

[*Earth Prayers*, Roberts & Amidon, Eds. p. 335]

Holy one, thank you for words, and songs and silence to begin this new day and this week. “Waking up this morning, I greet the new day with a smile. Twenty four brand new hours are before me. I vow to live fully in each moment and to look at all beings with eyes of compassion.” This I pray in the name of our friend and brother, Jesus. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:25-31

Message – “Take Heart”

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

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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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS*

Special Music *My Heart Ever Faithful*

Erin Blake, Soloist

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

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CLOSING HYMN – *Wonderful Words of Life*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE *Postlude on 'St. Denio'*

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**#A MOMENT TO BREATHE** is an experience of Thich Nhat Hahn's calming 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.

**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. Please check out our *Welcome* flyer in the pew and fill out the information section 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 is JoAnn Spurley.** Please feel free to be in touch with her with your joys and concerns knowing that we care about you all the time, not just when you are here.

**\*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 OUR ANNUAL "IN-THE-MIDDLE" SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE** is now underway. Supplies list in the Beacon and at church. Donation basket on the chancel.

**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 worship. 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 in the front pews to offer comfort to those struggling. For more information on our prayer ministries please speak with any Deacon or Rev. Ruth at any time.

*Flowers for the chancel are always welcome. For information on how to do this, please speak with Jerin in the office.*

**MATTHEW 14:25-31**

<sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup> He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind,<sup>[a]</sup> he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”

*A copy of today’s message can be sent to you by contacting the office.*

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