



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP with UCC Westerly

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our sanctuary
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HAPPY LABOR DAY!

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE *Song of Peace*

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DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – excerpted from Psalm 119 (from *The Message*)

One: You are blessed when you stay on course, walking steadily on the road God reveals;

All: **You are blessed when you follow God's directions, doing your best to find him.**

One: You, God, prescribed the right way to live, now you expect us to live it.

All: **Oh, that my steps might be steady, keeping to the course you set.**

OPENING HYMN *Lord of All Hopefulness*

W&R#469

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MUTUAL PRAYERS OF REFLECTION, CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

[from *The Iona Community*]

Pastor: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God, in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

Deacon & Congregation: **May God forgive you; Christ renew you and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

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Pastor: May God forgive you; Christ renew you and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. Amen.

A CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Note: Ours is an Open Table meaning that anyone who finds meaning in the sacrament is welcome to partake. Do note that our elements are gluten and alcohol free.

An Affirmation of Faith – [A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada]]

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: Who has created and is creating; Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new; Who works in others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: To celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song of Preparation – *Let Us Break Bread Together* W&R#699, v. 1 [© Public Domain]

Words of Invitation, Explanation and Consecration

Partaking in the bread and cup together

Prayer of Thanksgiving: **Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table as we are nourished, body, mind and soul by the presence of Christ.**

Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and rejoicing, renewed and refreshed by the power of the Holy Spirit made tangible in this sacrament. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:31 – 2:3”

Message – *Hallowed Rest*

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – *Loving Spirit*

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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

offered by Doug Brummund

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 *Go Now in Peace*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

Sung Response – Let There Be Peace on Earth

W&R#614

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE *Living for Christ*

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**#A MOMENT TO BREATHE** is an experience of Thich Nhat Hahn'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. This is a remarkably simple and calming breathing exercise.

**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 Bethany Foster.** 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 of this month’s MISSION PROJECT!** We are creating Birthday Cake Kits to be shared with families for whom birthday celebrations can be too expensive to enjoy. Instructions on how to participate in this project appear on the display table in Fellowship Hall.

**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. Please speak with Jerin in the office.*

#### **GENESIS 1:31 – 2:3**

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

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

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