

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH
Shanonda Nelson, Worship Associate

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

INTROIT “i carry your heart” E.E. Cummings/Len Handler

CHALICE LIGHTING Worship Associate

OPENING WORDS Julio Torres, Intern Minister

**OPENING HYMN #300 “With Heart and Mind”

STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

STORY FOR ALL AGES Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

EXIT SONG *Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the
love of God surround you, everywhere, everywhere you may
go.*

RESPONSIVE READING

CANDLE LIGHTING A time to share a brief **personal** joy
or sorrow. A Pastoral Care Chaplain will be present at the
candle boat after the service.

MEDITATION Julio Torres, Intern Minister

MUSIC “Boat Song” David Brunner

SERMON “Where Is the Beloved Community?” Rev. Patricia Owen

OFFERING “Rise Up” Batie/Decilveo
Jenna Jacobs, soloist

AFFIRMATION OF GRATITUDE

Let us be grateful when we are able to give,
For many do not have that privilege.
Let us be grateful for all those who share their gifts,
For we are enriched by their giving.
And let us be grateful even for our needs,
So that we may learn from the generosity of others.

CLOSING HYMN #317 “We Are Not Our Own”

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE “The Spirit of Life” Thompson

**Latecomers will be seated at this time.
Parents with young children are invited to use our nursery or sit in
the foyer where you can hear the service and your children can be
children.
Listening assistive headphones are on back wall of Sanctuary.

WELCOME! We’re glad you’re here this morning. If this is
one of your first visits with us, please stop by the visitors’
table (below the WELCOME sign) for information and
answers to questions you may have about this UU
community. And join us after the service for refreshments
and conversation. More information about our programs and
our Event Calendar can be found at our website
www.uuwestport.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

The Legacy Society holds its first dinner on Friday, Oct. 20. Become a founding member with your commitment of a planned gift now! Send an email to legacy@uwestport.org.

"Transcendentalism" with Rev. John: An adult class on this philosophy and its history will be taught every Thursday in October from 10:30-11:30am in the East Wing.

NVC Practice Group: Monday, Oct. 9 at 7pm in the Library. Come experience first-hand how this process creates connections and helps resolve real life struggles. For more information contact Janet (jancy17@gmail.com) or Lynn (whittoninc@att.net).

Secret Pals: Write your letters this week and bring them to the Foyer "mailbox" baskets next Sunday, Oct. 15th. Questions? Contact mary@uwestport.org.

Amnesty International Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7pm in the East Wing.

From the Leadership Development Team: We've been snapping lots of directory photos; connection is what it's about. Today is our last photo-taking day, so make sure that you don't miss out! Find us in the foyer after each service...

Voices Café is BACK: Season #7 begins Saturday, Oct. 14 at 8pm with Pierce Pettis, one of this generation's most masterful singer/songwriters. Tickets available at voicescafe.org.

Holiday Jewelry Sale: New/used jewelry, gently-used scarves, and new/nearly new small gift donations needed. Volunteers for jewelry prep, set up and sale day also needed. Contact Chris Place (cplace4ici@optonline.net) or Marilyn Reed (marilynnjr@gmail.com).

All Church Pot Luck! Saturday, Oct. 28th at 5:30pm. Come celebrate the official release party for the Youth Choir's new CD "Love Is the Spirit". Sign up in the foyer after services or contact Ed Thompson at (203)227-7205 X18 or ed@uwestport.org.

"Where Is the Beloved Community?"

Rev. Patricia Owen

October 8, 2017



The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers 9am: C. English, C. Prescott, M. Levin, T. Foisie

Ushers 11am: D. Jones, T. Sandler, T. Croarkin, S. Brady

Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music

Rev. Frank A. Hall, Minister Emeritus

Julio Torres, Intern Minister

Mary Collins, Children's Program Coordinator

Shahan Islam, Youth Program Coordinator

David Vita, Director of Social Justice and Membership

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: *The Unitarian Church in Westport is a diverse and welcoming religious community, free of creed and dogma, and open to people of all backgrounds and beliefs. We inspire and support individual spiritual growth. We connect through worship, music, learning, and caring ministries. We act in the service of peace and justice.*