

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Judy Eckert, Worship Associate

CHALICE LIGHTING

Worship Associate

OPENING WORDS

Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister

\*\*OPENING HYMN #123 "Spirit of Life"

COVENANT

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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

MEDITATION

Rev. Morehouse

MUSIC "A Dog's Life"

Paul Bluestein, soloist

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HOMILY "Sanctuary for All Creatures" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING

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 #188 "Come, Come Whoever You Are"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "The Cuckoo"

(Dedicated to birds everywhere)

F. Daquin

\*\*Latecomers will be seated at this time.

Parents with young children are invited to use our nursery or to sit in  
the foyer where you can hear the service and your children can be  
children.

Listening assistive headphones are on the back wall of the  
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](http://www.uuwestport.org)

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

**CANCELLED:** Building Your Own Theology series.

**CAMP JEWELL RETREAT:** October 12-14<sup>th</sup>. Sign up NOW! Register online (uuwestport.org) or at the lobby table after both services. Contact Cathy McElroy, Elena Rockman-Blake, or Eileen O'Reilly for more information. Chaperones for Youth Group needed!

**Soup Sales:** TODAY after each service. We are raising money to offer financial aid to insure that all families interested in attending Camp Jewell are able.

**Small Group Ministry:** Join a group! October's topic: **Sanctuary**. For info, talk to a representative in the foyer after the services or email Steven Rosenberg at rosen323@aol.com

**COM Question of the Month:** On the third Sunday of each month beginning October 21<sup>st</sup>, please visit the COM table in the foyer after services to discuss the question of the month. October's question is: *What is sanctuary to you? How has TUCW provided sanctuary for you, and how have you provided sanctuary?*

**Film – A Better Man:** Wednesday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Sanctuary. A revelatory series of intimate conversations, the film infuses new energy and possibility into the movement to end violence against women.

**Grief Support Group:** Six weeks beginning Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8:30pm in Rev. John's office. Co-leaders are Pat Francek, MSW, and Chuck Harrington, Ph.D. To register, please call Pat at 203/893-1781 or email patfrancek@gmail.com

**Voices Café:** Saturday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Stephanie Bettman, songwriter, singer, & fiddler and Luke Halpin, a renowned multi-instrumentalist, together play original Folk/Americana. Tickets can be purchased today in the Foyer or online at voicescafe.org.

**Beardsley School Needs Tutors & Readers:** If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please stop by the Beardsley Board table in the lobby after each service. Also, if available to help, please sign up for the Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> Read Aloud Day.

**TUCWomen Upcoming Events:**

**Brown Bag Lunch:** Sunday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm in the Meeting House. Bring your lunch and share good conversation.

**Potluck:** Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the home of Maria Mendoza-Smith, 46 Butler Lane, New Canaan. Questions? Send them to tucwomen@uuwestport.org

## Sanctuary for All Creatures

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

October 7, 2018



### The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers 9am: L. Albo; S. Grathwohl; D. Kahn; C. Seiple

Ushers 11am: M. Jagoe-Seidl; S. Khadjavi; M. Kovacs; S. Starkie

Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music

Rev. Frank A. Hall, Minister Emeritus

Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister

Sandra Clements, Acting Children's Program Coordinator

Zulaikha Hasan, Acting Youth Program Coordinator

David Vita, Director of Social Justice and Director of 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.*