

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION  
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PRELUDE

CHALICE LIGHTING & OPENING WORDS Worship Associate  
"The New Colossus" Emma Lazarus

\*\*OPENING HYMN #211 "We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

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.

CANDLE LIGHTING

MEDITATION Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson

MUSIC "Come Healing" Leonard Cohen  
Hazel Foley and Anna Seiple, soloists

HOMILY "America" David Vita

OFFERING

CLOSING SONG

*Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the  
stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; Wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

BENEDICTION

**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)

\*\*Latecomers will be seated at this time.  
Parents with babies/young toddlers please use our foyer to enjoy the service.

Listening assistive headphones are on the back wall of the Sanctuary.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

**The Board & COM present the Strategic Plan:** Please join members of the Board and the Committee on Ministry, in the foyer after the service to learn about the new Strategic Plan and preparation for a proposed Capital Campaign.

**UU Movie Discussion Group:** Friday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm in the Meeting House. Featured movies: *The Hate You Give*, *Boy Erased* and *Can You Ever Forgive Me*. Email Lorna at ld06824@gmail.com for more information.

**Holiday Boutique on Dec. 2 and Dec. 9:** Have you donated your scarves and jewelry yet? Now is the time! Please leave donations in the office and include your name and email so we can send you a receipt.

**Quotable Women Brown Bag Lunch Series:** Sunday, Dec. 2nd at 12:30 in the Meeting House. All women are invited to join the conversation. Connie Rockman will be our Guide this month.

**Save the Date for Women's Holiday Potluck:** Friday, Dec. 7th at 6:30 at the home of Chris Place, 75 Fox Run Road, New Canaan. Bring something to share, or just come -- there is always plenty. RSVP to sharon@slpoole.com.

**Newcomers' Orientation: Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9:00-12:00**  
It's a great way to get to know people new to this congregation and some of us who have been around awhile. Rev. John talks about our Unitarian and Universalist history and our Seven Principles, and there's plenty of time for questions and discussion. Please RSVP to david@uuwestport.org so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you!

**Voices Café presents Rupert Wates:** Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Since coming to the US in 2006, Wates' eclectic mix of acoustic, melodic art/folk has won more than 40 songwriting & performing awards. *Folk And Acoustic Music Exchange* calls him "a prime figure in American music" and goes on: "This is one gifted sonofabitch... If you're not hip to this guy yet you're missing out."

**Pageant!** Rehearsals for the annual Pageant (ages 6-13) will begin in mid-December. It is important to sign up via the church website. Questions and concerns to Ed Thompson, 203/227-7205 ext. 18.

## CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE November 25, 2018



### The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers: J. Cooper; M. Webb; D. Wyse

Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music

Rev. Frank A. Hall, Minister Emeritus

Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister

Saundra 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.*