

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Cheryl Dixon Paul, Worship Associate

INTROIT "Touch My Eyes"

Men's and Women's Choir

David Adams

CHALICE LIGHTING/OPENING WORDS

Worship Associate

**OPENING HYMN #159 "This Is My Song"

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.

CHILD DEDICATION

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.

MUSIC "Elegy"

Tom Hudson, cello

Thompson

SERMON "Trusting in America
Once Again"

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING "The Pure, the Bright, the Beautiful"

Stephen Foster

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 "The Fire of Commitment"

Jason Shelton

*1. From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear.*

CHORUS

*When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze
when our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
when we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within
then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.*

*2. From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free
calling pilgrims to the witness of the life of liberty. CHORUS*

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Allegro" (Sonata in D)

Tom Hudson, cello

J.S. Bach

Flowers

In loving memory of Melissa Gage
given by Leigh and Jon Gage

**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.

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 CONNECTION

Capital Campaign Planning Team News: Come to the **Town Hall Meeting** TODAY in the Sanctuary after the service. Rev. John will talk about the processes involved in planning for and leading up to a Capital Campaign. Meet your Capital Campaign Planning Team and take advantage of a dedicated time to express your thoughts and concerns. The architect engaged by the Board will introduce the firm and listen to your comments and reflections. Let's come together and share our voices.

The Ethical Food Ministry invites you to coffee hour TODAY before the Town Hall meeting! Learn about the benefits for the planet of a vegan diet. Muffins, cookies, and savory goodies available. To learn more, or to contribute to a future Coffee and Conversation, contact Lindy Hennessy, lindyahenn@aol.com.

Save the Date: Abundant Community Potluck Dinner: Saturday, March 2nd (snow date Sunday, March 10th). There will be entertainment and games, and the very best variety of good food and desserts.

Soup, soup and soup! The members of the Shawl Ministry will prepare & sell delicious soups after the services on Sunday, March 3. Vegan, vegetarian, and hearty choices will be available. All profits will be given to the Minister's Discretionary Fund. This is a tasty, helpful opportunity to support our church.

TUCW 6th/7th Graders Visit Ganesh Temple in Flushing, NY: Sunday, March 10th. All adults welcome to attend. Drivers needed! For more information check Soundings or email revshelly@uuwestport.org.

TUCWomen Quotable Women Brown Bag Lunch. Sunday, March 10, after the 11 AM service. All women are invited to join the conversation.

Trusting in America Once Again

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

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Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music

Rev. Shelly Thompson, Assistant Minister for Faith Formation

Rev. Frank A. Hall, Minister Emeritus

Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister

Rev. Jim Francek, Community Minister – Pastoral Care

Sandra Clements, Acting Children's 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.*