

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Joanne Glasser Orenstein, Worship Associate

TESTIMONIAL

Laurel Carey

PRELUDE "Tomorrow is a Highway"
Once & Again Singers

Pete Seeger

CHALICE LIGHTING/OPENING WORDS

Worship Associate

**OPENING HYMN #163 "For the Earth Forever Turning"

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.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

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

COMMISSIONING OF PASTORAL CARE CHAPLAINS

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

MUSIC "Beautiful World"
Andy Gundell, soloist

Hall/Hoppen/Amero

SERMON "Our Journey Toward Climate Justice"

Rev.Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING "Swimming to the Other Side"

Pat Humphries

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 "Blue Boat Home"

Mayer/Pritchard

- 1. Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these
mountains and plains. Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry
land heart can say: I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor
or port have I know. The wide universe is the ocean I travel and
the earth is my blue boat home.*
- 2. Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea, leaning
over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep. Drifting,
here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue
boat home.*
- 3. I give thanks to the waves upholding me, hail the great winds
urging me on, greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my
sailor's song: I was born upon the fathoms, never harbor or port
have I known. The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the
earth is my blue boat home.*

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "This Pretty Planet"

Tom Chapin

**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

Annual Operating Budget Canvass: We have only **TWO MORE weeks of our canvass!** We need your PLEDGE for the coming church year. Your pledge is your financial commitment, which can be paid monthly, quarterly, by bank draft, credit card, or whatever method works best for your household. It is important that we know our pledge income as we budget for the coming year. Please fill out and sign your pledge card TODAY. If you have any questions, the Stewards will be in the Foyer to help you and to receive your pledge card. Thank you!

Capital Campaign Planning Team News: Links to six documents relating to the proposed Capital Campaign are available in the latest Soundings. The next Town Hall Meeting will occur on April 24. Please contact the Capital Campaign Planning Team at cc@uuwestport.org with questions, comments or concerns.

Spring Concert Service: Next Sunday, March 31st, at the 11:00 service. The Special Projects Choir will offer their spring concert/service which will feature the "Bluegrass Mass" of Carol Barnett. Guest musicians will join us for that festive event. See Soundings for more details.

TUCWomen Potluck: Friday, April 5 at 6:30PM. Spring will be here soon and we will celebrate with a potluck at Eileen Belmont's home in Westport. RSVP to sharon@slpoole.com to receive info about location and parking. Bring something to share or just come. There is always plenty. All women are invited!

TUCWomen Spring 2019 Adult Faith Formation Presents *Women, Spirit and Imagination*: Beginning Tuesday, April 9th from 7-9PM. This six-week series offers unique experiences led by six women and explores inspiration, creativity & connection. Limited to 20 women. Sign up for one or all. See Soundings for more info or contact Janet, jlungo3@optonline.net, or Rev. Shelly, revshelly@uuwestport.org. To register please email tucwomen@uuwestport.org by April 5th.

Grief Support Group: Begins Monday, May 6th and runs every Monday through June 17th (except for Memorial Day). The group is held in Rev. John's office from 7:00-8:30 pm and is open to all who've experienced the loss of a loved one. To register, please contact Pat Francek at 203-893-1781 (patfrancek@gmail.com) or Chuck Harrington at 203-984-2324 (ccharrington20@gmail.com).

Our Journey Toward Climate Justice

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

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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.*