

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION
David Smith, Worship Associate

PRELUDE “Nobody Knows” Spiritual, arr. Thompson
Bell Choir

CHALICE LIGHTING & OPENING WORDS Worship Associate

**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 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 Rev. Morehouse

HOMILY “The Practice of Curiosity” Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING “Air” (Judas Maccabaeus) G.F. Handel
Bell Choir

CLOSING PRAYER

*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

Flowers

Given with pride, love and joy in honor of Lori and Ellie Cliff,
raised as UUs, now in college, thriving.
From their parents, Beth and Gordon

**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

It is not too late to pledge for our 2019-2020 Operating Budget. The finance team needs to prepare our budget and we would like your pledge to be included! Please call the church office, email diane@uuwestport.org, or enter your pledge online from the DONATE/REALM link on our website uuwestport.org or via the link in Soundings. Thank you!

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

TUCWomen's Adult Faith Formation series, "Women, Spirit and Imagination" continues this Tuesday, May 7, in the Meeting House, 7 - 9PM. Rev. Marti Bishop will lead "Woman as Spiritual Warrior". RSVP to tucwomen@uuwestport.org.

News from the Capital Campaign Planning Team: TODAY, after the 11:00 service, our congregation will vote on whether to hold a Capital Campaign for building improvements. The Capital Campaign Planning Team hopes you have read the informational documents and viewed the videos in the weekly Soundings communications in order to understand the critical need for repairs and renewal. It has been 20 years since our last Capital Campaign, and our beautiful, but aging, building needs significant attention. Please stay for this important meeting and vote "YES" to move forward with caring for our spiritual home.

Grief Support Group: Mondays May 6th through June 17th (except for Memorial Day) in Rev. John's office from 7-8:30PM. This series 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).

TUCWomen May Potluck: Friday, May 10th @ 6:30pm at the home of Jenna Jacobs McPartland. Celebrate Spring and Earth's Bounty at an entirely Plant Based Potluck. Bring anything you'd like to share but leave out the things from our creature friends. Too busy to shop or cook? Just come, there is always plenty. RSVP to sharon@slpoole.com.

Emma's Revolution at Voices Café: Saturday, May 11th at 8PM. Smart, funny and informative — think Rachel Maddow and Jon Stewart with guitars. That's Pat Humphries and Sandy O of *Emma's Revolution*. The Iowa City Press-Citizen writes, "Boasting gorgeous close harmonies and unsinkable tunefulness, *Emma's Revolution* is a classic, globetrotting folk duo. Their music is progressive, socially-conscious, confrontational, and shot-through with intelligence and cutting humor", and The New York Times praises the pair as, "Fervent and heartfelt."

PLAN AHEAD: Our annual Flower Communion Service will be next week. PLEASE bring a flower(s) with you to the Sunday, May 12th service.

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

May 5, 2019



The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers: M.J. Cross; C. Seiple

Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister

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.*