

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION
Shanonda Nelson, Worship Associate

INTROIT "Bright Morning Stars" Traditional, arr. Hardin
Chamber Choir

CHALICE LIGHTING Dylan Staub

OPENING WORDS Worship Associate

**OPENING HYMN "O Source of All Goodness" (see insert)

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.

COMMISSION FFF VOLUNTEERS Rev. Shelly Thompson

STORY "Hope" Nate Pawelek

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

LITANY OF ATONEMENT (see insert)

CANDLELIGHTING
A time to share a brief personal joy or sorrow. A pastoral Care
Chaplain will be present at the candle boat after service.

PRAYER AND MEDITATION Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister

MUSIC "Yih'yu L'Ratzon" Thompson

READING "Standing at the Gates of Hope"
by Victoria Stafford Bob Perry

SERMON "Uncovering the Hope" Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister

OFFERING "Return Again" Carlebach

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING
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 #146 "Soon the Day"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Samachti B'omrim Li" Charles Osborne

**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

Meditation: Please join us before the service for meditation at 10AM in the Willow Room downstairs.

TUCWomen News: *Women, Spirit and Imagination* continues with Elizabeth Macdonald's "Psychology of Listening on October 2. All women are invited. RSVP to tucwomen@uuwestport.org. Learn more at uuwestport.org/tucwomen-events.

Adult Neighboring Faiths Session 1 Learn: Oct 4th 6-9PM in the Meeting House, led by Ravi Sankar. More information at uuwestport.org, in Soundings, and in the foyer. To register, email sudhasankar100@yahoo.com.

Orientation: For folks new to The Unitarian Church in Westport on Saturday, October 5 from 1-3PM. Contact David Vita at 203-227-7205 x14 or david@uuwestport.org.

Comedy Night: Sat. Oct 5 at 7PM in the Sanctuary. Our very own Judy Eckert and 8 other performers will tickle your funny bones with adult-oriented humor at this fundraiser for our Capital Campaign. BYOB. Tickets can be purchased today in the foyer or online from the Capital Campaign link on the uuwestport.org website.

Leadership Development Team News: On October 6 and 13, from 12:30-2PM. Rev. John will present 2 thoughtful sessions on service leadership referencing the book *Serving with Grace* by Erik Walker Wikstrom. Please join us! Email ldt@uuwestport.org to confirm your spot.

Susan Werner at Voices Café: Saturday, October 12 at 8pm. The Chicago Tribune calls her, "One of the most innovative songwriters working today." Tickets at voicescafe.org.

Grief Support Group: For anyone who has lost a loved one, the group meets for 6 consecutive Mondays beginning October 14, from 7-8:30PM in Rev. John's office. To register, or for inquiries, please call Pat Francek, 203-893-1781 or Chuck Harrington, 203-984-2324.

Uncovering the Hope

Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister

September 29, 2019



The Unitarian Church in Westport

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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

Nate Pawelek, Family Faith Formation Sunday 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.*