

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Linda Hudson, Worship Associate

PRELUDE "Simple Prayer"
Once & Again Singers

Joann Coviello

CHALICE LIGHTING & OPENING WORDS Worship Associate

**OPENING HYMN #347 "Gather the Spirit"

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

Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister

HOMILY "At the Intersection of
Change and Expectation" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING "Giving and Receiving"

*For the friendship that we bring to the stranger and the friend,
Giving and receiving here, a blessing without end.*

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

In celebration of my mother
who turned 100 on September 19th, 2019
given by Leigh 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

Meditation: Following the service, you may continue your contemplation with meditation at 10AM in the Willow Room downstairs.

Join us for Connection Quest! Today, 9/22, or next Sunday, 9/29, from 12:30-2pm. These are family meetings, including children 3rd grade and older, to brainstorm ideas, custom design, & implement our very own Faith Formation programming for our congregation. **Food and childcare (2nd grade & younger) provided. **

Please RSVP to revshelly@uwestport.org so we can plan food for lunch.

Capital Campaign: What a grand kick-off! Thanks to all who attended the Lobster and Clam-paign Bake and enjoyed the music of the Jazz Rabbi and his band.

TUCWomen News: On Wed., Sept. 25 @ 7PM in the East Wing the first of eight *Women, Spirit and Imagination* workshops begins with "The Art of Co-Imagining", led by Pat Francek. A **Potluck** at the home of Anita Pfluger in Trumbull will be held on Fri., Sept. 27. All women are invited. RSVP to tucwomen@uwestport.org for each. Learn more at uwestport.org/tucwomen-events.

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@uwestport.org.

Comedy Night Fundraiser: Join us and the folks from *team green light comedy* for an evening of fun and laughter Saturday, October 5. BYOB. Doors open at 6:30pm. \$20 per person with proceeds benefiting the Capital Campaign. Tickets available today in the foyer or on the website.

Grief Support Group: For anyone who has lost a loved one, the group meets for 6 consecutive Mondays begin Monday, 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.

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

September 22, 2019



The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers: J. Cooper; M. Webb

Pastoral Care Chaplain: Chuck Harrington

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

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.*