# WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION Shanonda Nelson, Worship Associate

INTROIT "If I'm Not For Myself"
Chamber Choir

Hillel/Thompson

CHALICE LIGHTING & OPENING WORDS Worship Associate

\*\*OPENING HYMN "O Source of All" (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.

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.

LITANY OF ATONEMENT (see insert)

CHANT/MEDITATION

HOMILY "Uncovering the Hope" Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister

OFFERING "Yih'yu L'Ratzon"

Thompson

#### **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** 

\*\*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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE**

September 29, 2019



## The Unitarian Church in Westport

**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.