

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION
Cheryl Dixon Paul, Worship Associate

PRELUDE “Imagine” Lennon/McCartney

CHALICE LIGHTING & OPENING WORDS Worship Associate

**OPENING HYMN #389 “Gathered Here”

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. Shelly Thompson

HOMILY “Wired Together” Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

SHARE THE PLATE: Domestic Violence Crisis Center
“Bright Morning Stars” Traditional, arr. Hardin
Members of the Chamber 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

In honor of lovely Barbara Thormahlen’s 90th Birthday
given by Rosaria & Anatole Konstantin

**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

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month: If interested in supporting today's Share the Plate recipient, the Domestic Violence Crisis Center, please see David Vita after the service. Thank you.

Sing, Sing a Song: For those interested in participating in Children's Choir, ages 8 through 13, we are beginning a new repertoire and a new season. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 5-6PM. Contact Ed Thompson (ed@uuwestport.org) for more info.

Climate Change Group meeting: TODAY in the Sanctuary at 12:30. Planning for the upcoming year.

TUCWomen News: Brown Bag Lunch TODAY after the 11AM service in the Meeting House, led by Eileen Belmont. Denise Manning Page's "Reconnect to Purpose - The Power of Story" meets Wed, Oct. 16 at 7PM in the East Wing. Janet Luongo's "Women with Vision Workout!" meets on Sat, Oct. 19 at noon in the Meeting House. RSVP for all events to tucwomen@uuwestport.org.

Leadership Development Team News: Today from 12:30-2PM. Part 2 of Rev. John's thoughtful presentation on service leadership referencing the book *Serving with Grace* by Erik Walker Wikstrom. Please join us!

Capital Campaign: Sun., Oct. 20 Town Hall Meetings with Goody Clancy and Turner Construction representatives. Hear preliminary renovation plans based on the physical conditions of our building and our survey results and Imagining sessions. 86 households have pledged \$1,201,710 toward the Capital Campaign, and \$299,990 is still available to be matched by Endowment. Please make your pledge before Oct. 31.

Musical Performance: Today at 2PM at the Saugatuck Congregational Church (245 Post Road East in Westport) a concert to dedicate the new organ features Ed Thompson as one of four artists invited to perform. The event is free and open to the public. Come listen to a most unusual and exciting program!

Year Round Stewardship Committee: Wed, Oct. 16 @ 7PM. Please join us to share your ideas on Fundraising and Stewardship and help us with our upcoming events. All are welcome!

UU Movie Discussion Group: Friday, October 25th @ 7:30pm in the Meeting House. Featured movies: **Ad Astra**, **Downton Abby** and **The Laundromat**. For more information email Dorothy Rich: dorothyjeanrich@gmail.com.

Fall Follies: UUs Got Talent! Sat, Oct. 26 7:30PM. A night of sketches, songs and general silliness as judges interview potential additions to our staff and programs! BYOB and snacks; dessert, coffee, & soft drinks are provided. Doors open at 7. Don't miss it!

Please refer to Soundings to see our 2-week calendar, new announcements, and articles of interest to our community. **New this week** Soundings: Sunday comes to your inbox Friday AM, Soundings: This Week arrives Sunday by noon. PDFs of both are available and will be archived on uuwestport.org. Need to get back on our mailing list? Contact bethcliffuwcw@gmail.com.

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

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The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers: D. Bauer; M. Levin

Pastoral Care Chaplain: Kate Croarkin

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.*