WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION Cheryl Dixon Paul, Worship Associate

INTROIT "Now I Walk in Beauty"
Women's Choir and Men's Choir

Anonymous

CHALICE LIGHTING & OPENING WORDS Worship Associate

**OPENING HYMN #21 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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.

HOMILY Part 1 "Religious Naturalism:

Rev. Shelly Thompson

A Theology of Awe"

PRAYER & MEDITATION Rev. Jim Francek

HOMILY Part 2 Rev. Shelly Thompson

MUSIC "We Give Thanks"

Thompson

HOMILY Part 3 Rev. Shelly Thompson

OFFERING

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.

Small Group Ministry (SGM): 102 members in 11 groups meet once a month on different days & at different locations to discuss a topic. Join a group! December's topic is *Awe*. For more information, talk to a representative in the foyer after the services or email Steven Rosenberg at rosen323@aol.com.

TUCWomen News: Mark your calendar for our Holiday Potluck at the Fairfield home of Diane Melish on Sunday, Dec. 8 following the 11AM service. *Women, Spirit and Imagination* continues the "Sacred Circle with Grandmother Nancy Andry" on Tue. Dec.10 in the Meeting House. All women are invited. RSVP to tucwomen@uuwestport.org. See uuwestport.org/tucwomen-events for more info.

Holiday Boutique: Sundays Dec. 8 and 15 after both services. Plan to shop for jewelry & scarves – special gifts and a treasure or two for yourself. You won't want to miss this fun annual event.

Pageant Plea: Parents with children ages 7-13, the annual Pageant is happening in about a month and several spots in the cast are open with room for everyone. For more information, please see *Soundings* or contact Ed Thompson: ed@uuwestport.org; 203/227-7205 ext.18

Voices Café presents The Nields: Saturday, Dec. 7 at 8PM. Purchase tickets in the foyer today, online at https://voicescafe.org or with David Vita. *Sing Out! Magazine* states: "Imagine if Natalie Merchant had a sister with an equally good voice singing perfect harmony with her...intimate and electric." Don't imagine. See them at Voices Café!

Refer to Soundings Soundings: Weekend Edition comes to your inbox Friday AM, Soundings: Weekdays Edition arrives Sunday by noon. Need to get back on our mailing list? Contact bethclifftucw@gmail.com.

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CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

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The Unitarian Church in Westport

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