

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

John Morresi, Worship Associate

PRELUDE “Lo How a Rose” Michael Praetorius
Bell Choir

CHALICE LIGHTING Worship Associate

MENORAH BLESSING

OPENING WORDS Worship Associate

**OPENING HYMN #221 “Don’t Let the Light Go Out”

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 “Letting in the Light” Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING “What Child is This” English Carol
Bell 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

Poinsettias

Given by Liane Roseman in memory of her mom
Linda Jo Arden (7/23/47 – 10/29/19)
who loved Christmas & making a difference
in equal measure

**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.

Holiday Appeal: Please consider making an end-of-year contribution to our congregation, and visit the Year Round Stewards in the lobby after the service. Look for Rev. John's letter explaining this giving opportunity.

Write for Rights with Amnesty International: This morning in the East Wing. Through the power of collective action, your letter will help convince government officials to free people unjustly imprisoned or facing abuses. That's why we do this every December. Be part of that collective action. Write a letter this morning.

UU Movie Discussion Group: Friday, Dec. 27 @ 7:30pm in the Meeting House. Featured movies: **Ford v. Ferrari**, **Dark Waters**, and **A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**. For more information email dorothyjeanrich@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE: Tuesday Dec. 24. Traditional Pageant @ 4PM and Candlelight service @ 9PM. Welcome ALL!

Coming in the new year: Sight-singing classes and voice classes on Saturdays in January & February. Please see *Soundings* for details, or speak with Ed Thompson 203/227-7205 ext. 18.

NEW - Shawl Ministry Nights: Tuesday Jan 7 @ 7:30 PM in the lower level lobby outside the Children's Chapel. Our Shawl Ministry is adding evening sessions on the first Tuesday of the month so that everyone who loves to knit or crochet can enjoy this contemplative time. Join us! Contact Jan Braunle at jcbraunle@gmail.com for more information.

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 david@uwestport.org.

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

December 22, 2019



The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers: J. Cooper; M. Webb

Pastoral Care Chaplain: Rev. Jim Francek

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.*