

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Judy Eckert, Worship Associate

INTROIT "Felt Right with My Heart"  
Once & Again Singers

Tom McCora

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS

Worship Associate

\*\*OPENING HYMN "Take Up the Song"

Etzler & Chambers

*Take up the song, carry it on  
'till all the world joins in to sing along.  
Take up the song, and let the music ring.  
Take up the song, let your life sing!*

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.

STORY

Rev. Morehouse

EXIT SONG

*Go now in peace; go now in peace; may the love of God surround  
you everywhere, everywhere you may go.*

CANDLE LIGHTING

*A time to briefly share a personal joy or sorrow. A Pastoral Care  
Chaplain will be present at the candle boat after service.*

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

MUSIC "Holy Ground"

Craig Taubman

SERMON "The Integrity of Staying Put" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING "A Universal Blessing"

Alice Parker

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Let us be grateful when we are able to give,  
For many do not have that privilege.  
Let us be grateful for all those who share their gifts,  
For we are enriched by their giving.  
Let us be grateful even for our needs,  
So that we may learn from the generosity of others.

CLOSING HYMN #6 "Just as Long as I Have Breath"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Give Light"

Kim & Reggie Harris

\*\*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](http://www.uuwestport.org)

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

**Orientation:** Today 12:30-2:30 in Rev. John's Office. Join Rev. John and Director of Membership David Vita to share, learn, discuss, question, and connect. Share our stories, learn about Unitarian Universalist (UU) history and the principles that bind us together, plenty of time for questions and, what happens when we gather, connect with one another.

**Support Beardsley School:** Pick up a Bear Tag from the Beardsley board in the foyer and contribute needed supplies. Your ongoing support for Beardsley School is appreciated! See *Soundings* for more details.

**Mystery Pen Pals 2020 last sign up TODAY!** Adults and Children (7<sup>th</sup> grade and younger) may participate in an anonymous (and safe) pen pal exchange. Visit the signup table in the church foyer today (last chance). It's a lot of fun! For more information ask Nate (nate@uwestport.org).

**UU History video series:** This six-part series begins TODAY @ 12:30 in the East Wing with *Long Strange Trip, Part 1: In the Beginning...* All are welcome to attend. Email revshelly@uwestport.org for more information.

**TUCWomen News: Sacred Circles** with Grandmother Nancy on Tuesday, Jan 28 @ 7PM in the Meeting House. **Potluck** Friday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at the Westport home of Jane Sherman. RSVP tucwomen@uwestport.org.

**Stewardship Needs You!** Join the Stewardship team Wednesday Jan. 29 @ 7PM as we plan for our upcoming Operating Budget Drive. For more info contact Mary @ 203/650-6958.

**UU Movie Discussion Group:** Friday, Jan. 31 @ 7:30PM in the Meeting House. Featured movies: **Little Women, Uncut Gems,** and **Just Mercy.** For more information email dorothyjeanrich@gmail.com.

**Save the date: Barn Dance** Saturday, Feb. 1 @ 5PM. See *Soundings* for more information.

**New Adult Faith Course:** *Creating Theology Together* is a Fahs Collaborative publication based on Rev. John's Doctoral Thesis. This course led by Rev. John & Rev. Shelly runs Saturdays from 9am-1pm on Feb. 1, March 7 and April 4. Please sign up by email to revshelly@uwestport.org .

**Leap Day February 29** is around the corner, and we will kick off Stewardship with a Story Slam that evening. Find out more in *Soundings*.

**Please refer to *Soundings*** to make sure you know all about what is happening at TUCW these days - our lives here are busy! WeekEND edition shows up in your inbox Friday mornings, WeekDAY edition, Sunday mornings.

## *The Integrity of Staying Put*

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

January 26, 2020



### The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers: L. Charles; Joanne Glasser Orenstein; G. Newell

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.*