

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Connie Rockman, Worship Associate

PRELUDE "Our Temple is All Space"

Jim Chappel

CHALICE LIGHTING & OPENING WORDS Worship Associate

**OPENING HYMN #298 "Wake, Now, My Senses"

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.

CHANT

Adele Getty

*Oh great Spirit, earth, sun, sky and sea,
You are inside and all around me.*

MEDITATION

Cheryl Dixon Paul

HOMILY "Transcendental Justice"

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

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.

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 sign up begins TODAY! This is an invitation to children (7th grade and younger) & adults to participate in an anonymous (and safe) pen pal exchange. Visit the signup table in the church foyer starting today and ending Sunday, Jan. 26. For more information ask Nate (nate@uuwestport.org). It's a lot of fun!

TUCWomen Brown Bag Lunch: Today in the Meeting House after the 11AM service. **Sacred Circles** with Grandmother Nancy on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 6:30PM in the Meeting House. **Potluck** at the Westport home of Linda Hudson Friday, Jan. 24. RSVP to tucwomen@uuwestport.org.

Book Talk: Rev. John Buehrens: Tuesday, Jan 14 @ 7PM. Former UUA president Rev. John Buehrens shares his insights on the Transcendentalists and how they tackled issues of gender, racial & social justice in the 19th century. All are welcome!

Stewardship: Please join our terrific team on Wednesday, Jan. 15 @ 7PM as we discuss plans for spring events. Newcomers welcome!

Memorial Service – Susan Brady: Please join us for Susan Brady's Memorial Service on Saturday Jan. 18 @ 1PM. Susan died peacefully at home last month.

MLK, Jr. Tribute: You are invited to join the wider community in celebrating the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. @ Westport Country Playhouse on Sunday Jan 19 @ 3pm. Keynote speaker: Dr. Carol Anderson. RSVP to the Playhouse: rsvp@westportplayhouse.org

Vance Gilbert returns to Voices Café: Sat. Jan. 25 at 8PM. "The voice of an angel, the wit of a devil, and the guitar playing of a god." *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*

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 1 and April 4. Please sign up by email to revshelly@uuwestport.org .

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

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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.*