

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

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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.

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. Morehouse

MUSIC “Holy Ground” Craig Taubman
Once & Again Singers

HOMILY “The Integrity of Staying Put” 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

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 (7th 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@uuwestport.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@uuwestport.org for more information.

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

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

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The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers: T. Croarkin; M. Webb

Pastoral Care Chaplain: Pat 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.*