

WELCOME Gian Andrea Morresi, Worship Associate

INTROIT "Help Me to See" Joyce Poley
Women's Sextet

CHALICE LIGHTING & OPENING WORDS Worship Associate

**OPENING HYMN #168 "One More Step"

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. Shelly Thompson

HOMILY "What Ever Happened to #MeToo?: The Wisdom of
Women and the Support of Men"
Rev. Dr. John Morehouse, Gian Morresi, and David Smith

SHARE THE PLATE Susan Schnitzer, President & CEO
CT Institute for Immigrants & Refugees

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

Flowers

Today's flowers are dedicated to the memory of
Clement C. Onyemelukwe
beloved husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather,
with deep love and appreciation for a life well-lived.

**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

Stewardship: The TUCW Annual Operating Budget campaign is underway! If you have not done so, please visit the Stewardship table in the lobby to sign up for a house party and fill out your pledge card today.

Share the Plate – CIRI: Meet Susan Schnitzer, President & CEO of the CT Institute for Refugees & Immigrants (CIRI) in the foyer after the service.

The Grief Support Group will meet 6 consecutive Mondays, 7-8:30PM in Rev. John's office April 6 - May 11. See facilitators Pat Francek, patfrancek@gmail.com, or Chuck Harrington, cch20@columbia.edu, to register by April 3rd.

Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ): Tuesday, March 10 @ 7PM in the West Wing. Book discussion, *How to be an Anti-Racist*, chapters 1-9. Join us whether or not you have read the book.

Get the Vote Out, Wed. March 11 @ 7PM. Come to Janet Luongo's house to write letters to encourage people to vote. RSVP for location and information to jluongo2@optonline.net.

UU Players Presents: Four One Act Comedies. Fri. Mar.13 & Sat. Mar. 14 @ 8PM; Sunday Mar.15 @ 3PM. All are welcome.

New to the Unitarian Church? Come to our orientation on Sunday, March 15 @ 12:30 in the Chapel downstairs. UU history, 7 Principles, story-sharing & community building. Please RSVP to David Vita.

Calling All Women! The TUCWomen's group is planning for the future and conducting an open discussion for all who identify as women. Now's the time to dream big! Sunday, March 15 @ 12:30 in the Meeting House. Bring lunch.

Neighboring Faiths – Christianity: New faith study begins Friday March 20 @ 7PM in the West Wing. Retreat @ Holy Cross Monastery March 27-28. RSVP by Monday 3/9 to ravisankar100@yahoo.com.

From Aging to Saging: Planning meeting w/Revs. Jim & John for this new group, Saturday March 21 from noon-2PM in Meeting House.

TUCWomen Events: Sacred Circle with Grandmother Nancy, a Native American talking circle, on Tues. March 10 @ 7PM in the Meeting House. **Awakening Mentorship: Giving and Receiving**, led by Cheryl Dixon, on Wed. March 18 @ 7PM in the East Wing. RSVP for either event to tucwomen@uwestport.org.

Pastoral Care: Our Pastoral Care Chaplains are here to help those in need. Call to leave a confidential message in the PCA voice mailbox 203/227-7205 ext. 19 or email pca@uwestport.org.

Please refer to **Soundings WeekEND and WeekDAY** editions for details about these events and a lot more. Always on home page of our website, uwestport.org, and emailed out Friday & Sunday mornings.

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

March 8, 2020



The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers: D. Bauer; M. Levin

Pastoral Care Chaplain: Kathy Roberts

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.*