

The American Dream elicits visions of picket fences and lovely houses. What is it like to live the American Dream as a Mother raising her Black child? The Panel of Mothers will allow us a look into their homes as they describe what America is telling them about what it wants for their Black Children.

WELCOME

Kim Warman, Intern Minister

PRELUDE "Tender Thought" by Ulysses Kay Edward Thompson

CHALICE LIGHTING & OPENING WORDS Rev. Morehouse

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

Rev. Morehouse

PICKET FENCES

Moderator: Pat Francek

Panelists: Ellie Grosso, Lisa Brown, Shanonda Nelson

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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.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Panelists

## *Flowers*

In honor of all Black children  
and those who help these beautiful children flourish.

Given by the TUCWomen for BLM

Cover Art, "Pietà", by Tylonn J. Sawyer

**This order of service is yours to keep. Please take it with you when you leave.**

**WELCOME!** We're glad you're here this morning. More information about our programs and our Event Calendar can be found at our website [www.uuwestport.org](http://www.uuwestport.org)

Panelist:

Ellie Grosso is a white mother of a 12-year-old African daughter, Yeabsera, who was adopted from Ethiopia when she was an infant. Ellie also has two biological white sons, Aidan, 15 and Ryan 10.

Lisa Brown is a woman of African, Jamaican and North American ancestry. She is a devoted mother of Maxim her 9-year-old son.

Kristin Trost is a white mother. Her biological, bi-racial son, Marques, is 15 years old and identifies as Black.

Shanonda Nelson is a Black mother of two children: Siddiq, 22 and Sakinah, 20.

Moderator: Pat Francek

**TUCWomen's Black Lives Matter Planning Meeting** (all women welcome) - Friday, October 23rd, from 7:00-8:30 PM. If you were moved by this service please join TUCWomen to work on Black Lives Matter.

**Pastoral Care:** If you are going through a challenging time or know somebody in the congregation who needs support from our Pastoral Care Chaplains, call to leave a confidential message in the PCA voice mailbox 203/227-7205 ext. 19 or email [pca@uwestport.org](mailto:pca@uwestport.org).

**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. Also always available on the home page of our website, [uwestport.org](http://uwestport.org).

## Picket Fences Around Gilded Cages

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## The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music

Rev. Frank A. Hall, Minister Emeritus

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Rev. Jim Francek, Community Minister - Pastoral Care

Nate Pawelek, Director of Faith Formation

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