

HOMECOMING: IN THE RETURNING

September 12, 2021

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS

Rev. Morehouse

SYMBOLS OF OUR CONGREGATION'S LIFE

Kim Warman, Rev. Thompson, Rev. Morehouse

Sacred Books of our traditions

Constitution

Membership Book

Chalice

Candle

Hymnal

Social Justice Banner

Black Lives Matter Banner

Syllabus

Placard "You Are Not Alone"

Soul Matters Sharing Circles

Shawl

Soundings/Website

Offering Plates

#MeToo Banner

LGBTQ Banner

Covenant of Right Relations

Order of Service (ushers)

Jamie Forbes

Luke Garvey

Elena Rockman-Blake

Cheryl Dixon Paul

Jim Francek

Gian Morresi

Marjolijn deJager & Ellie Grosso

Kathy Roberts

Emily and Dylan Staub

Rob Zuckerman

Linda Lubin

Jan Braunle

Charles Klein

Mary Money

Janet Luongo

Ruth Fontilla

Chuck Harrington

Tom Croarkin

HYMN #358 Rank by Rank

1. Rank by rank again we stand, from the four winds gathered hither.
Loud the hallowed walls demand whence we come and how, and whither.
From their stillness breaking clear, echoes wake to warn or cheer;
Higher truth from saint and seer call to us assembled here.

2. Ours the years' memorial store, honored days and names we reckon,
Days of comrades gone before, lives that speak and deeds that beckon.
From the dreaming of the night to the labors of the day,
Shines their everlasting light, guiding us upon our way.

3. Though the path be hard and long, still we strive in expectation;
Join we now their ageless song one with them in aspiration.
One in name, in honor one, guard we well the crown they won;
what they dreamed be ours to do, hope their hopes, and seal them true.

CHALICE LIGHTING

Kim Warman

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.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

Rev. Morehouse

Desmond Hughes, Sue O'Meara, Diane Donahue, Dr. Heather Hamilton, Rachel Campbell, Kareen Garrison, Nate Pawelek, Beth Cliff, Cheryl Dixon Paul, Rev. Jim Francek, David Vita, Kim Warman, Rev. Edward Thompson, Rev. John Morehouse

MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE

**Sue Senie
Sally Dimon
Joan Bothwell
Henry Loomis
Eunice Powers
Jim Perry
Bertram Spiller
Rick Narang
Bob Book
Bill Buckley
Lawrence Waterbury
Ken Lanouette
Susan Ei
Melissa Gage
Lynn Peel
Carol Kovatch
Joe Wertheim
Don Lowy
Lithia Prezkop
Nora Vogel**

**Jaydee Perry
Denny Davidoff
Virginia Banerjee
Sumner Glimcher
Howard Aibel
Watts Wacker
William McEvoy
Sam Brody
Inge Van Gelder
Van Bernhard
Peter Atkins
Josephine Garrett
Sandy Cygan
Corey Hausman
Harriette Rauh
Sarah Kish
Vidal Clay
Jim Goodrich
Alden Sherman
Ann Ford**

**Randy Brody
Richard Constable
Sonja Ahuja
Susan Brady
Maury Hill
Jane Fina
Joe Hawley
Bryce Costawong
Clement Onyemelukwe
Bruce Buzby
Pamela Ritter
Jim Keenan
Barbara Kelly
Bob Comstock
Dave Immer
Marti Bishop**

MUSIC "We Belong in the Circle" by Elexa Dawson

Quintet: Cathy Paine, Wendy Levy, Linda Hudson, Doug Flam, Chris Beaurline

SERMON "In the Returning"

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

SHARE THE PLATE

Julie Mombello, Co-Founder and Director, Adam J. Lewis Academy

MUSIC "What Holds Us" by Thompson

Quintet

HYMN #1 Prayer for This House

May nothing evil cross this door, and may ill fortune never pry
About these windows; may the roar and rain go by.

2. By faith made strong, the rafters will withstand the battering of the storm.

This hearth, though all the world grow chill, will keep you warm.

3. Peace shall walk softly through these rooms, touching our lips with holy wine,
Till ev'ry casual corner blooms into a shrine.
4. With laughter drown the raucous shout, and, though these sheltering walls are thin,
May they be strong to keep hate out and hold love in.

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Morehouse

POSTLUDE "The Impossible Dream" by Mitch Leigh

Chris Beaurline

FLOWERS

In memory of our sons and brothers
Keith and Scott Coleman
September 11, 2001

Jean, Neil and Todd Coleman



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Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music

Rev. Frank A. Hall, Minister Emeritus

Kim Warman, Intern Minister

Rev. Jim Francek, Community Minister - Pastoral Care

Dr. Heather Hamilton, Lead for Children and Family Faith Formation

Nate Pawelek, Lead for Youth Faith Formation

David Vita, Director of Social Justice

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.*

Are you visiting with us today? Welcome! We're glad you joined us.

We invite you to share with us your name and contact information so we can be in touch. Please fill this out, below, and then either place it in the offering plate as it goes by or, if you prefer, hand it to the minister at the end of the service.

Name:

Address:

Email: Cell:

And we welcome any comments or thoughts you'd like to share with us: