

HOME COMING: WALKING THE WAY

Rev. John Morehouse

September 11, 2022

10:00 am

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS

Rev. Morehouse

SYMBOLS OF OUR CONGREGATION'S LIFE

Rev. Thompson and Rev. Morehouse

- Sacred Books of our traditions
 - Constitution
 - Membership Book
 - Chalice
 - Candle
 - Hymnal
 - Social Justice Banner
 - Black Lives Matter Banner
 - Wonder Box
 - Placard "You Are Not Alone"
 - Soul Matters Sharing Circles
 - Shawl
 - Microphone
 - Voices Café Banner
 - Soundings/Website
 - Offering Plates/Order of Service
 - COM Banner
 - Covenant of Right Relations
- Jamie Forbes
Luke Garvey
Jim Cooper
Cheryl Dixon Paul
Marie-Claire Bue
Gian Morresi
Lisa Donohue-Olivieri, Anita Pfluger
Kathy Roberts
Nate Pawelek
Charles Harrington
Kim Fuchs
Martha Constable
Bruce MacNair
David Caplan, Tom Hearne
Charles Klein, Beth Cliff
Eileen Belmont, Glenn Newell
Members of COM
Jenna McPartland

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

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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

Sue O'Meara, Ruth Fontilla, Nate Pawelek, David Vita, Beth Cliff, Rev. Jim Francek,
Rev. Edward Thompson, Rev. John Morehouse

STORY FOR ALL

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MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE

Bob Book	Inge Van Gelder	Bryce Costawong
Bill Buckley	Van Bernhard	Joan Harnett
Lawrence Waterbury	Peter Atkins	Ann Lakhdar
Ken Lanouette	Josephine Garrett	Sonja Ahuja
Susan Ei	Sandy Cygan	Bruce Buzby
Melissa Gage	Corey Hausman	Pamela Ritter
Lynn Peel	Harriette Rauh	Jim Keenan
Carol Kovatch	Sarah Kish	Barbara Kelley
Joe Wertheim	Vidal Clay	Bob Comstock
Don Lowy	Jim Goodrich	Dave Immer
Lithia Prezkop	Alden Sherman	Marti Bishop
Nora Vogel	Ann Ford	Katherine Snook
Jaydee Perry	Randy Brody	Barbara Webster
Denny Davidoff	Richard Constable	John Austin
Virginia Banerjee	Maury Hill	Mary Erlanger
Sumner Glimcher	Jane Fina	Joy Leighton
Howard Aibel	Susan Brady	Marianne Gjersvik
Watts Wacker	Clement Onyemelukwe	Paul Cohen
William McEvoy	Susan Lee LaForest	Bob Hardin
Sam Brody	Joe Hawley	William (Bill) Rother

HYMN #1046 Shall We Gather

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
2. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

SERMON "Homecoming: Walking the Way"

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OFFERING Share the Plate: UU the Vote

<https://vop.tucw.org/> OR VENMO (The Unitarian Church in Westport, TUCW-1)

MUSIC "Touch My Eyes" by Elexa Dawson

The Choir

HYMN #1 Prayer for This House

1. 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

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POSTLUDE "Draw the Circle" by Mark Miller

The Choir

FLOWERS

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

Jean, Neil and Todd Coleman

We're glad you're here with us! We invite you to write your contact information below and hand to an usher on your way out, or contact Beth Cliff: beth@uuwestport.org

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