

WHOSE ARE WE?

Rev. John Morehouse

September 25, 2022 10 AM

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS

Rev. Morehouse

CHALICE LIGHTING

HYMN #1010 "We Give Thanks"

Oh, we give thanks for this precious day,
For all gather'd here, and those far away
For this time we share with love and care,
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.

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.

LITANY OF ATONEMENT

Open the gates of Righteousness, enter them and give thanks. The sacred gate is in our minds and in our hearts. We have sometimes left the gate closed, forgetting what is most dear, neglecting what is most important.

We have, all of us, failed from time to time. We have, all of us, revealed our human weakness and fallibility. We are not perfect. We wrestle with the forces of good and evil which are in us all.

Choir: Hashiveinu (let us return)

We are brothers and sisters, children of one family. We have known the sting of remorse, inadequacy and guilt. Our minds have sometimes grown weary. We have known days of anguish and nights of despair.

May we open the gates of righteousness by opening our minds and hearts to new insights into ourselves and one another. When that gate is open in us may we usher out old hatreds and bitter resentments and allow fresh, cool breezes of atonement to come to us.

Choir: Pitchuli (open the gate of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks)

We have sometimes committed the sin of idolatry, thinking we know more than it is ours to know. We have sometimes put too much value on material possessions and worldly wealth.

What is most important is near at hand--simple acts of kindness, expressions of human compassion, and our own deep, sincere desire for wholeness, authenticity and integrity.

Choir: Hashiveinu

We are children of the Universe. We have a right to be here. May our faults, failures and limitations remind us of our need for humility, even as we reject the humiliation of calling ourselves unworthy sinners in the hands of an angry god.

Let peace come into our hearts and refresh our spirits.

Choir: Pitchuli

The Kingdom of Heaven is within. May we enter it and know peace, and may we rededicate ourselves to the tasks which remain before us, helping to make our world a better place to live today, tomorrow and for all time.

STORY FOR ALL Nate Pawelek

CANDLELIGHTING Rev. Morehouse

MEDITATION Joanne Glasser Orenstein

MUSIC "O Source of All Goodness" by A. W. Binder The Choir

SERMON "Whose Are We?" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Al Shlosa" by Alan Naplan The Choir

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Let us be grateful when we are able to give, For many do not have that privilege.
Let us be grateful for all those who share their gifts, For we are enriched by their giving.
And let us be grateful even for our needs, So that we may learn from the generosity of others.

CLOSING HYMN #305 De Colores

CLOSING WORDS Rev. Morehouse

FLOWERS

Given by Leigh Gage to celebrate her mother,
Margaret MacDougall's, 103rd birthday on September 19.

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: bethcliftucw@gmail.com

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