

THIS I BELIEVE

October 30, 2022 10 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deb Garskoff

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS

Nate Pawelek, Kat Diem

PROCESSIONAL "Imperial March" from Star Wars

CHALICE LIGHTING

Avery Perlstein

HYMN #1008 When Our Heart Is In A Holy Place

CHORUS: When our heart is in a holy place, When our heart is in a holy place,
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace, When our heart is in a holy place.

1. When we tell our story from deep inside, And we listen with a loving mind,
And we hear voices in each other's words, Then our heart is in a holy place.

CHORUS

2. When we share the silence of sacred space, And the God of our Heart stirs within,
And we feel the power of each other's faith, Then our heart is in a holy place.

CHORUS

COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its *gift*.
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

INTRODUCTION TO COMING OF AGE

Maria Mendoza Smith

VIDEO MONTAGE

Nate Pawelek

*Young Children (Grade 2 and younger) dismissed to class.

Congregation sings "Go Now in Peace"

CREDO STATEMENTS

Kai Fontilla, Emma Dam, Avery Perlstein

MUSIC "K*I*S*S*I*N*G" (Paige Steele)

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CREDO STATEMENTS

Esa O'Reilly, Kat Diem, Julian Smith

MUSIC "Dear Theodosia" (Lin-Manuel Miranda) Esa O'Reilly, Julian Smith, vocalists; Beth Palmer, piano

OFFERING

Ushers: Julian Smith, Kai Fontilla, Emma Dam, David Smith

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

OFFERTORY "Romanza" (W.A. Mozart)

Nate Pawelek, horn; Beth Palmer, piano

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.

REFLECTION

Rev. Morehouse

HYMN #1021 Lean On Me (verses 1 & 3)

1. Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow.
But if we are wise we know that there's always tomorrow.
Lean on me when you're not strong and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

3. If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry,
 I'm right up the road, I'll share your load if you just call me.
 Lean on me when you're not strong and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,
 For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.
 Just call on me brother when you need a hand. We all need somebody to lean on.
 I just might have a problem that you'd understand. We all need somebody to lean on.

POEM *Growing Up* by Linda Olson Peebles

All COA Youth

WE WISH YOU WELL

Minister: We wish you peace of mind in the midst of life's problems, pains and inevitable losses. We wish for you an excitement in learning, a tolerance for other points of view and a sense of self-acceptance and self-confidence.

Advisors: We wish for you a spirit of giving so you will know the joy of reaching out to others as you share the journey of life.

Parents: We wish for you a sense of kindness and compassion. The ability to love and to find balance in your lives. We wish you the joy of laughter and the discovery of your inherent spiritual self.

Congregation: We wish for you a spirit of adventure and the courage to try new things, to explore new places, and to meet new people.

Everyone: We wish for you a full and healthy life. We hope that you find aid in times of trouble, comfort in times of sorrow, and guidance in the ways of truth. We hope that you will find joy, peace, and the satisfaction of years well spent.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Nate Pawelek, Maria Mendoza Smith

WELCOME TO YOUTH GROUP

TUCW Youth Group

CLOSING WORDS

Maria Mendoza Smith

RECESSIONAL "Main Theme" from Star Wars

FLOWERS

Given in loving memory of Sheila Sarmiento and Chip Brinckerhoff.
 Two friends gone too soon.

We're glad you're here with us! Please share your contact information and hand to an usher or contact Beth Cliff: bethcliffucw@gmail.com

Name: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____



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