

THE COURAGE TO DOUBT

Rev. John Morehouse

October 9, 2022

10 AM

PRELUDE "Little Sunflower" (Freddie Hubbard) Jazz Quartet

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS Rev. Morehouse

CHALICE LIGHTING Lucas Valenzuela

HYMN "When I Am Frightened" (Shelly Jackson Denham)

1. When I am frightened, will you reassure me? When I'm uncertain, will you hold my hand?
Will you be strong for me? sing to me quietly? Will you share some of your stories with me?
If you will show me compassion, then I may learn to care as you do, then I may learn to care.
2. When I am angry, will you still embrace me? When I am thoughtless, will you understand?
Will you believe in me, stand by me willingly? Will you share some of your questions with me?
If you will show me acceptance, then I may learn to give as you do, then I may learn to give.
3. When I am troubled, will you listen to me? When I lonely, will you be my friend?
Will you be there for me, comfort me tenderly? Will you share some of your feelings with me?
If you will show me commitment, then I may learn to love as you do, then I may learn to love.

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.

STORY FOR ALL Nate Pawelek

CANDLE LIGHTING

MEDITATION Rev. Morehouse

MUSIC "Blues Walk" (Lou Donaldson) Jazz Quartet

SERMON "The Courage to Doubt" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING Share the Plate: UUA's Disaster Relief Fund Luke Garvey
<https://vop.tucw.org/> OR VENMO (The Unitarian Church in Westport, TUCW-1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING Rev. Morehouse

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.

HYMN "Fire of Commitment" (Jason Shelton and Mary Katherine Morn)

1. From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear.

**Chorus: When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.**

2. From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty. **Chorus**
3. From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice. **Chorus**

CLOSING WORDS

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POSTLUDE "Sand Castles" (Jim Clark)

Jazz Quartet

Special thanks go to this morning's Jazz Quartet:
Jim Clark, saxophone; **Andrew Meunch**, bass; **Rob Aries**, piano; **Eric Gribin**, percussion

FLOWERS

Given by Bobbie Herman in memory of her husband, Paul Cohen.

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: bethcliffucw@gmail.com

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