

Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by
The Treadwell Committee

Randy Burnham, Sean Feuer, Diane Melish, Sharon Poole,
Cindy Potter, Joyce Thomas, and Bob Welsh

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**TODAY ~ OCTOBER 25**

**LGBTQIA+ 101. 11:30am–12:30pm, East Wing.** The Gender Equity Team is hosting Cadence Pentheny (they/them) from Triangle Community Center, to lead a warm and welcoming session on the basics of gender identity, sexual orientation, and allyship. Bring your sense of curiosity and connection.

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Board of Trustees Meetings. Tues, Oct 27, 7:00 PM, Virtual Only. Congregants are welcome to join us as observers. Please let the [board secretary](#) know if you plan to attend.

Movie Group. Fri, Oct 30, 7:30 PM, Zoom. Do you love movies? Join in this month's discussion on "Klara and the Sun," "Digger," "Verity," and "The Rivals of Amziah King". Email [Dorothy](#) for link.

Child Dedication Ceremony. Nov 22, during 10am service. We welcome any aged baby, child or teen to participate in this ceremony, where Rev. Terri will give a blessing and the congregation will dedicate itself to the children. Let [Angi H](#) know before Nov 12 if you'd like your child to participate.

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See Soundings  
for event  
details. Scan for  
the latest edition.

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for your  
generosity!  
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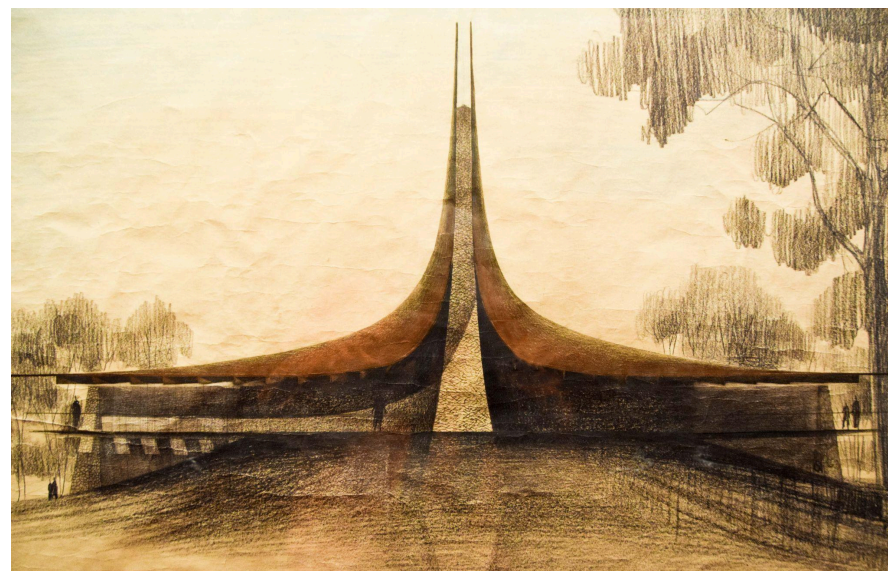
Virtual Offering

# Brave Spirits

**Rev. Terri Dennehy**

**October 25, 2026**

**10:00 am**



**The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Westport**

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*The Unitarian Universalist Congregation 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.*

**PRELUDE** "Spirit of Life" (*McDade*) Bell Choir

**WELCOME** Chris Aquino

**CHALICE LIGHTING** Diana Sofia Valenzuela

**OPENING WORDS** Rev. Terri Dennehy

**SINGING** #1051 We Are  
(found in the teal hymnal)

**AFFIRMATION** Jamie Forbes  
Love is the spirit of this community, 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.

**TIME FOR ALL AGES** Lina Valenzuela

**SING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR CLASSES**  
Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace above us, let all around us be peace.  
Oh, let all around us be peace.

**READING** "On Being Nonbinary:  
A Braver/Wiser Reflection" (Cat Rambo) Jamie

**MUSIC** "I Am Willing" Brian Tippy Brierley  
  
**Chorus:** I am open and I am willing,  
for to be hopeless would seem so strange.  
It dishonors those who go before us,  
so lift me up to the light of change.

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS** Eileen O'Reilly

**PRAYER** Rev. Terri

**SINGING** #396 I Know This Rose Will Open  
(found in the grey hymnal)

**REFLECTION** "Brave Spirits" Rev. Terri Dennehy

**OFFERING** Jamie

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** "Wet Hands" (*Rosenfield*) Bell Choir

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING** Jamie  
May we be grateful for the opportunity to give,  
For generosity is a core spiritual practice.  
May we be grateful for all who freely share their gifts,  
For we are enriched by their giving.  
And may we be grateful even for our needs,  
So that we may learn from the generosity of others.

**SINGING** #1028 The Fire of Commitment  
(found in the teal hymnal)

**CLOSING WORDS** Rev. Terri

**CHALICE EXTINGUISHING**  
We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,  
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.  
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again. (*Selle Jones*)

**POSTLUDE** "Jupiter" (*Holst*) Bell Choir

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Flowers

Today's flowers are given by members of the Shawl Ministry
in memory of Jean Sturges who brought a lot of joy and
exceptional knitting talent to our meetings over many years.

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**Listening Devices** are available in the rear of the sanctuary in  
colorful bags in a basket. Anyone is welcome to use one.