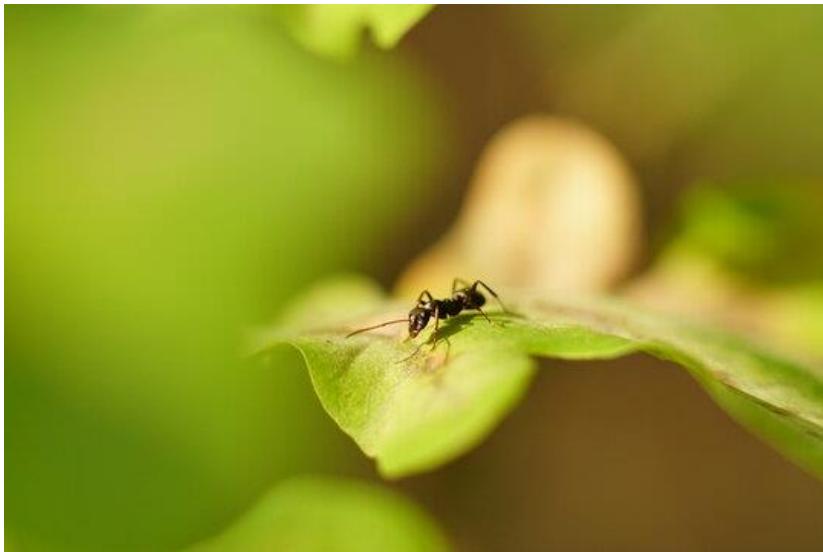


Welcome to



**COMMUNITY
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION
AT WHITE PLAINS**

Nurture Spirituality · Foster Compassion · Engage in Service



“LONELY ANTS”

REV. JENNIFER L. BROWER

2023 September 24 ~ 1st Sunday of Autumn

Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation is a Welcoming Congregation committed to affirming and purposefully including all, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, gender, gender identity or expression, and sexual or affectional orientation.

ORDER OF SERVICE

2023 SEPTEMBER 24

GATHERING MUSIC

Butterfly, Op. 43, No. 1

Adam Kent, piano

Little Bird, Op. 43, No. 4 ~ Edvard Grieg

“La maja y el ruiseñor” (The Lady and the Nightingale)
from *Goyescas* ~ Enrique Granados

WELCOME

Kim Force

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Jennifer Brower

Here in this sacred digital space, and connected through our electronic devices, we are gathered together — people of different ages and life stages.

We come together in hope.

We greet each other warmly with our voices and our smiles and waves.

We come together in peace.

We acknowledge our interdependence and our unity.

We come together in harmony.

We share our growth and our aspirations.

We come together in wonder.

We share our losses and our disappointments.

We come together in sorrow.

We share our concern and our compassion.

We come together in love.

We come to this time and place bringing our doubts and our faith.

We come together as seekers.

For all of these reasons and more,

we come together in worship.

OPENING HYMN

#360, Here We Have Gathered

Kim, Adam

CHALICE CONVERSATION

Tracy Breneman

HYMN

#214, Shabbat Shalom

Kim, Adam

OFFERING INTRODUCTION		Kim
OFFERTORY	“Nothing More” ~ The Alternate Routes	Kim, Christian Force
TIME OF PRAYER & MEDITATION		
IN WORDS		Rev. Jennifer
IN SILENCE		
IN MUSIC	La meneuse de tortues d'or (The Leader of the Golden Tortoises) ~ Jacques Ibert	Adam
SERMON	“Lonely Ants”	Rev. Jennifer
RESPONSIVE READING	#637, A Litany of Atonement	
<i>Response: We forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.</i>		
CLOSING HYMN	#318, We Would Be One	Kim, Adam
BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE		
BLESSING EACH OTHER IN SONG	#402, From You I Receive	Kim, Adam
From you I receive, to you I give Together we share, and from this we live		
GRATITUDES AND REMINDERS		
MUSIC FOR PARTING	“Aquarius” from <i>Hair</i>	Adam
Music: Galt MacDermot, Words: James Rado, Jerome Ragni		



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CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS - Details at cuucwp.org/newsletter

Social Justice Team Fair, Sun Sep 24, 11:15am, Fellowship Hall. Contact: Mary Cavallero (marycava4@gmail.com)

Religious Exploration Program Information Session, Sun Sep 24, 11:15am, Room 43. Tracy Breneman (cuucwptracy@gmail.com)

Next **Meals for HOPE** food prep: Mon Sep 24, 10am-2pm, CUUC Kitchen. Lend a hand! bit.ly/CUUC-HOPE-Cooking-Sign-up

Past Prime Time Dance Party, Wed & Fri, 9am, In person and virtual! CUUC & Zoom 6161. Terri (madterri@gmail.com)

Racial Justice Team, Wed Sep 27, 7pm, Zoom 2210. Jeff (jefftomlinson8@gmail.com)

Science & Spirituality, Thu Sep 28, 11:30am, Fellowship Hall & Zoom 7899. Norm Handelman (yakman42@gmail.com), Barbara Mair (barbara.k.mair@icloud.com)

Take the **Ministerial Search Committee Survey** bit.ly/2023-CUUC-Congregation-Survey.

Congregation Workshop: Breaking Barriers, Building Belief, Sat Sep 30, 9am -12:15pm, Fellowship Hall & Zoom. Survey: bit.ly/B4-Workshop-Survey. Register: bit.ly/B4-Register

Environmental Practices Group, Sun Oct 1, 9am, Room 41, Zoom 6161. Janet Bear (jsbear1@gmail.com), Cynthia Roberts (cynthiavroberts@gmail.com)

In the Spirit of Truth, Sun Oct 1, 9:00am, Room 13 & Zoom 2210. A safe space to talk about racism and other isms. Jeff Tomlinson (jefftomlinson8@gmail.com)

GrandPals connects young people and elders. Sign up bit.ly/GrandPals23-24.

Register your family for **Religious Exploration**, cuucwp.org/religious-exploration.

September Share-the-Plate:
Interfaith Council for New Americans of Westchester (ICNAW)

Visit cuucwp.org/newsletter for the latest e-Communitarian news

Lyrics

#360, Here We Have Gathered

Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;
circle of kinship, come and step inside!
May all who seek here find a kindly word;
may all who speak here feel they have been heard.
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Here we have gathered, called to celebrate
days of our lifetime, matters small and great;
we of all ages, women, children, men,
infants and sages, sharing what we can.
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Life has its battles, sorrows, and regret;
but in the shadows, let us not forget;
we who now gather know each other's pain;
kindness can heal us; as we give, we gain.
Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.

#214, Shabbat Shalom

Shabbat Shalom, Shabbat Shalom.
Shabbat, Shabbat, Shabbat,
Shabbat Shalom. (2x)
Shabbat, Shabbat, Shabbat, Shabbat Shalom. (2x)

Shabbat Shalom, Shabbat Shalom.
Shabbat, Shabbat, Shabbat,
Shabbat Shalom. (2x)

#318, We Would Be One

We would be one as now we join in singing
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
to that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.

We would be one in living for each other
to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow
a nobler world than we have known today.

We would be one in searching for that meaning
which binds our hearts and points us on our way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
with love and justice, strive to make us free.

“Aquarius” from *Hair*

When the Moon is in the Seventh House
And Jupiter aligns with Mars,
Then peace will guide the planets
And love will steer the stars

This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius
The age of Aquarius, Aquarius, Aquarius

Harmony and understanding
Sympathy and trust abounding
No more falsehoods or derisions
Golden living dreams of visions
Mystic crystal revelation
And the mind's true liberation
Aquarius, Aquarius

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