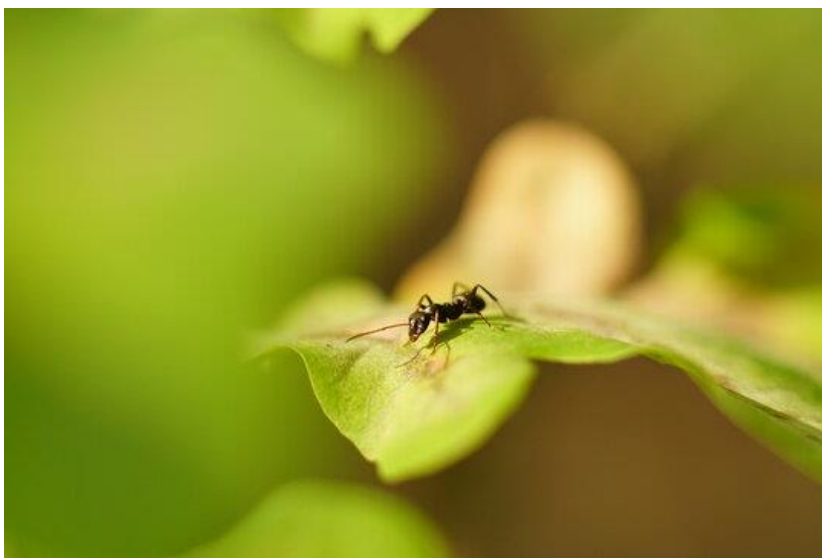


Welcome to



**COMMUNITY  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
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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  
Little Bird, Op. 43, No. 4 ~ Edvard Grieg  
“La maja y el ruiseñor” (The Lady and the Nightingale)  
from Goyescas ~ Enrique Granados

Adam Kent, piano

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

*Response: We forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.*

CLOSING HYMN

#318, We Would Be One

Kim, Adam

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Rev. Jennifer

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

Kim

MUSIC FOR PARTING

“Aquarius” from *Hair*

Adam

Music: Galt MacDermot, Words: James Rado, Gerome Ragni



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**CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Details at [cuucwp.org/newsletter](https://cuucwp.org/newsletter)

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

**Religious Exploration Program Information Session**, Sun Sep 24, 11:15am, Room 43. Tracy Breneman ([cuucwptracy@gmail.com](mailto: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](https://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](mailto:madterri@gmail.com))

**Racial Justice Team**, Wed Sep 27, 7pm, Zoom 2210. Jeff ([jefftomlinson8@gmail.com](mailto:jefftomlinson8@gmail.com))

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

Take the **Ministerial Search Committee Survey** [bit.ly/2023-CUUC-Congregation-Survey](https://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](https://bit.ly/B4-Workshop-Survey). Register: [bit.ly/B4-Register](https://bit.ly/B4-Register)

**Environmental Practices Group**, Sun Oct 1, 9am, Room 41, Zoom 6161. Janet Bear ([jsbear1@gmail.com](mailto:jsbear1@gmail.com)), Cynthia Roberts ([cynthiavroberts@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jefftomlinson8@gmail.com))

**GrandPals** connects young people and elders. Sign up [bit.ly/GrandPals23-24](https://bit.ly/GrandPals23-24).

**Register** your family for **Religious Exploration**, [cuucwp.org/religious-exploration](https://cuucwp.org/religious-exploration).

September Share-the-Plate:

**Interfaith Council for New Americans of Westchester (ICNAW)**

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## **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 it 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 know 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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