

ORDER OF SERVICE
March 31, 2013
9:00 & 11:00 am

Parents with young children are invited to use our nursery or sit in the foyer where sound is provided and children can be children without disrupting others.

To create an atmosphere of worship we ask that you refrain from applauding until the end of the service and turn off all cell phones and beepers.

PRELUDE "And There Was Fire" Thompson
Men's and Women's Choir

OPENING WORDS Frank Hall

*OPENING Hymn # 61 "Lo, the Earth Awakes Again"

AFFIRMATION

CHALICE LIGHTING Rev. Debra Haffner

CHILDREN'S STORY "Why Eggs And Rabbits..." Mary Collins, DRE
Children & teachers exit to classes (Hymn #413)

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE READING #628

CANDLE LIGHTING Our candle lighting is an opportunity to share a heartfelt joy, sorrow or personal concern. Brevity is appreciated.

MUSIC "I'm Gonna Rise Up Singing" Traditional

SILENT MEDITATION and SHARED REFLECTION

OFFERING "My Beloved, Arise" Thompson

SERMON "Lifted From the NO of all Nothing" Frank Ha

CLOSING HYMN "The Impossible Dream" (see insert)

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Allegro" (Italian Concerto) J.S. Bac

*Latecomers will be seated at this time
There are listening assistive headphones on the back wall of the Sanctuary.
Armchairs are reserved for use by anyone who is disabled.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Sunday, March 31

COA Meeting with Frank Hall, East Wing at 12:30 pm

Monday, April 1

Sacred Wisdom Circles, East Wing at 7:00 pm

O&AF Rehearsal at 7:45 pm

Tuesday, April 2

Ministerial Transitions, Chapel at 7:30 pm

Men's Choir at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 3

Chant & Meditation, Meeting House at 7:00 pm

NVC Practice, Chapel at 7:00 pm

Stewardship Sub Committee, Fellowship Room at 7:30 pm

Chamber Choir at 7:45 pm

Thursday, April 4

Youth Choir at 5:00 pm

Teen Choir at 6:00 pm

Bell Choir at 6:45 pm

Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, April 5

Soundings Deadline at 12:00 noon

Shawl Ministry, Meeting House at 12:30 pm

Beedle the Bard, Sanctuary at 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 6

Frank 'n Fun Circles 20-25, Foyer at 5:30 pm

REEL Justice Film, Sanctuary at 7:30 pm

WELCOME! We're glad you're here this morning. If this is one of your first visits with us, please stop to talk with our greeters. They can be identified by the yellow ribbons on their nametags and they are happy to answer any questions you have about our church. Please join us after the service for our Fellowship Coffee Hour for refreshment and conversation. More information about this church and our programs can be found at our website www.uuwestport.org.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: *The Unitarian Church 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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tannahill Weavers Voices Cafe tickets on sale today. World-class musicians, "...the band's potent mixture of traditional ballads and fiery instrumentals leaves their audiences spellbound." - Irish American News

The fourth and last "Frank 'n' Fun" event is next Saturday, April 6, 5:30 to 7:30. Enjoy clever entertainment, and hear Frank's reflections on his 29-year ministry and his thoughts and wishes for our future. Neighborhood Circles 20-25 are the focus although anyone is welcome to attend. Wine and other drinks will be provided. Bring appetizers to share. Child care will be available. Visit the canvass table in the foyer to RSVP, pick up or return your pledge card, get questions answered.

Frank 'n' Fun & Film – "Two Who Dared" film following April 6. True story of Unitarian Minister Sharp and wife Martha saving over 2,000 people from Nazi occupied Europe.

There will be a memorial service for Judy Constable on Saturday, April 13 at 1:00 pm followed by a reception in the foyer.

Did you know that 12 small groups of up to ten people meet once a month for two hours to discuss selected topics developed by UU members? These discussions can lead to personal insights as well as knowledge of the other participants and friendships can be formed and deepened. The topic for April is "Doubt." For more information please see the bulletin board outside the library in the foyer or contact Steven Rosenberg at ROSEN323 @aol.com.



QUOTE

*Christopher Reeve believed in a formula:
optimist + information = hope. It is okay to hope.*
Michael J. Fox, "Always Looking Up – the adventures of an incurable optimist"

FLOWERS

*In memory of those we love –
Jack, Johnny & Mark Miller - Suzy*

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Greeters 9:00: T. Yang, S. Mollica 11:00: K. Vogel, K. Leddy
Ushers 9:00: B. Stuck, M.J. Cross, J. Turmelle, K. Throckmorton

Ushers 11:00: N. Van Clief, T. Croarkin, K. Leddy, J. Orenstein
Rev. Frank Hall, Senior Minister; Rev. Ed Thompson, Minister of Music
Rev. Debra Haffner, Endorsed Community Minister