

**HOMECOMING SERVICE**  
**September 13, 2015 at 10:00 am**

GATHERING AND REDEDICATION Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse,  
Senior Minister

DELIVERY OF SYMBOLS OF OUR CONGREGATION'S LIFE

**Sacred Books** Jeanette Kinnally & Kathleen Kraemer, *Adult Ed Hymnal*  
Debbie Handler, *Music Committee*  
**Constitution and By-Laws** Michelle Garvey, *Board Chair*  
**Membership Book** Angela McCann, *Membership Committee*  
**Religious Education Brochure** Dan Marcus, *Rel Ed Council Chair*  
**Youth Membership Book** Cal Wacker, *Youth Program Director*  
**Social Justice Banner** Lorna Donnelly & Marjolijn de Jager  
**Rainbow Task Force Banner** Jose Carlos Campos & Steven Delco  
**Partner Church Banner** Lyn Hamilton, *Board Trustee*  
**Mission Banner** Tom Hearne, *Committee on Ministry*  
**Chalice** Sudha Sankar, *Worship Associates*  
**A Candle** Jim Francek, *Pastoral Care Associates*  
**Soundings & Smartphone** Carol Porter & Charles Klein  
**Offering Plates** Ann Khanna, *Treasurer*  
**Order of Service** Tom Croarkin, *Head Usher*

PROCESSION INTO SANCTUARY

CHALICE LIGHTING Nicole Khanna, Vol. Assistant to Youth Program Dir.

OPENING WORDS Rev. Debra Haffner, Endorsed Community Minister

HYMN "Rank by Rank We Stand" (see insert)

AFFIRMATION (see cover) Michelle Garvey, Board Chair

REFLECTION FOR ALL AGES Mary Collins, Dir. Religious Education  
Cal Wacker, Youth Program Director

READING Rev. Frank Hall, Minister Emeritus

NECROLOGY (see insert: In Memoriam) Please stand as you are able.

MUSIC "To My Old Brown Earth" Pete Seeger  
Special Projects Choir

REFLECTION "Ministers All" Rev. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music

SHARE THE PLATE David Vita, Director of Social Justice & Membership  
"Take Care of this House" Leonard Bernstein

HOMILY "Ministers All" Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister

HYMN #1 "May Nothing Evil Cross This Door" (see insert)

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "It Takes a Whole Village" Joan Szymko

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. There are listening assistive headphones on the back wall of the Sanctuary.

**THIS WEEK AT CHURCH**

Today, September 13

Religious Ed Brunch, Courtyard at 11:15 am

Vision Creation (Adult Ed), East Wing at 12:00 noon

Monday, September 14

O&AF at 7:45 pm

Tuesday, September 15

Board of Trustees, Fellowship Room at 6:30pm

Membership Committee, Library at 7:15 pm

Men's Choir at 7:45 pm

Thursday, September 17

Youth Choir at 5:00 pm

Teen Choir at 6:00 pm

Finance Committee, Dorothy's Office at 6:00 pm

Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, September 18

6-12 gr. Teachers, Meeting House Potluck 6:00 Orientation 7:00

Saturday, September 19

Special Projects Choir Rehearsal at 9:00 am

Small Group Facilitators, Meeting House at 10:00 am

**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](http://www.uuwestport.org).

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Vision Creation Activity:** unleash your vision in this creative, fun and inspirational activity for individuals and families in the East Wing at noon.

**The Memorial Service for Roy Fine**(originally scheduled for September 19th) has been postponed at the request of the family. When a new date has been chosen we will publish it.

**The YRSC is holding a special one time 'Welcome Y[Our] New Minister' Pledge Drive.** If you have not as yet pledged for 2015-16, please do it now! Pledge Cards are in the lobby. If you have pledged all you can, please know how grateful we are for your support!!! If you think you can afford a little more, please consider upping your pledge. *There is NO better way you can spend an additional \$5, \$10, \$15 per week. (Or more)*

**Membership Team Meeting** Tuesday, September 15 at 7:15 in the Library. Inspired by today's service? Come and exercise your membership ministry muscle!

**Please support our adopted Beardsley School** by helping teachers buy supplies. Stop by the Beardsley Board in the lobby to see how you can help. If you would like to volunteer, plan to attend an orientation on September 15. Contact Carol Seiple (203 682-4584) for details.

**Celebrate a special person or event in your life!** For more information about contributing flowers for a Sunday service please call Jan in the church office (203)227-7205 ex: 10 or sign up in the Flower Book. The cost is \$65 and we will take care of all the details!



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### AFFIRMATION

*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.*

### FLOWERS

Given by Jean, Neil and Todd Coleman

## The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers: B. Stuck, M.J. Cross, L. Peel, J. Orenstein, K. Reynolds

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### HYMN "Rank by Rank Again We Stand"

Rank by rank again we stand, from the four winds gathered hither.  
Loud the hallowed walls demand whence we come and how, and  
wither.

From their stillness breaking clear, echoes wake to warn or cheer;  
higher truth from saint and seer call to us assembled here.

Ours the years' memorial store, honored days and names we  
reckon,  
days of comrades gone before, lives that speak and deeds that  
beckon.

From the dreaming of the night to the labors of the day,  
shines their everlasting light, guiding us upon our way.

Though the path be hard and long, still we strive in expectation;  
join we now their ageless song one with them in aspiration.  
One in name, in honor one, guard we well the crown they won;  
what they dreamed be ours to do, hope their hopes, and seal  
them true.

### HYMN "May Nothing Evil Cross This Door"

May nothing evil cross this door,  
and may ill fortune never  
pry about these windows;  
may the roar and rain go by.

By faith made strong, the rafters will  
withstand the battering of the  
storm. This hearth, though all the world grow  
chill, will keep you warm.

Peace shall walk softly through these rooms  
touching our lips with holy  
wine, till every casual corner  
blossoms into a shrine.

With laughter drown the raucous shout,

and, though these sheltering walls are  
thin, may they be strong to keep hate  
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