

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music

Rev. Frank A. Hall, Minister Emeritus

Julio Torres, Intern Minister

Mary Collins, Children's Program Coordinator; Shahan Islam, Youth Program Coordinator

David Vita, Director of Social Justice and Membership

HOMECOMING SERVICE

September 10, 2017, at 10:00am

GATHERING AND REDEDICATION (on the lawn)

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse, Senior Minister

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DELIVERY OF SYMBOLS OF OUR CONGREGATION'S LIFE

Sacred Books of our Traditions

Constitution

Membership Book

Hymnal

Lifespan Faith Development Banner

Youth Banner

Social Justice Banner

Partner Church Banner

Chalice

A Candle

Soundings & Currents

Offering Plates

Order of Service

Map (Neighborhood Circles)

Church Banner

Diana Bell

Lynda Shannon Bluestein, Board President

Bobby Herman, Membership Committee

Debbie Handler, Music Committee

Shari Brennan, Mary Collins, Shahan Islam

Mia Dimon

Marjolijn de Jager, Dan Iacovella

Cheryl Paul, Jane Sherman, Partner Church

Linda Hudson, Worship Associates

Rev. Jim Francek, Pastoral Care Chaplains

Charles Klein, Carol Porter

Catherine Onyemelukwe, Treasurer

Tom Croarkin, Head Usher

Ron Taylor

Tom Hearne, Committee on Ministry

PROCESSION INTO SANCTUARY

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS

HYMN Rank by Rank (see insert)

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.

Cheryl Paul, Worship Associate

Rev. Morehouse

Cheryl Paul

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

Rev. Morehouse

VOLUNTEER TEACHER COMMISSIONING

COMMENTS Mary Collins, Children's Program Coordinator

COMMENTS Shahan Islam, Youth Program Coordinator

READING "To Be Human Is to Belong" by John O'Donohue Julio Torres, Intern Minister

NECROLOGY (see insert)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Shall We Gather" (see insert)

COMMENTS Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music

COMMENTS David Vita, Director of Social Justice/Membership

SHARE THE PLATE

OFFERING MUSIC "Flight" Kim Arnesen
Special Projects Choir

AFFIRMATION OF GRATITUDE

Let us be grateful when we are able to give,
For many do not have that privilege.
Let us be grateful for all those who share their gifts,
For we are enriched by their giving.
And let us be grateful even for our needs,
So that we may learn from the generosity of others.

HOMILY "Welcome Home" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

HYMN "May Nothing Evil" (see insert)

CLOSING WORDS Rev. Morehouse

POSTLUDE "It Takes a Whole Village" Joan Szymko
Special Projects Choir; Jenna Jacobs, soloist; Eric Gribin, percussion

FLOWERS

*In memory of Keith and Scott Coleman, September 11, 2001
sons and brothers*

Jean, Neil and Todd Coleman

RANK BY RANK

1. Rank by rank again we stand, from the four winds gathered hither. Loud the hallowed walls demand whence we come and how, and whither. From their stillness breaking clear, echoes wake to warn or cheer; higher truth from saint and seer call to us assembled here.

2. 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.

3. 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.

SHALL WE GATHER

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with it's crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
2. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

MAY NOTHING EVIL

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

2. 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.

3. Peace shall walk softly through these rooms, touching our lips with holy wine, till ev'ry casual corner blooms into a shrine.

4. With laughter drown the raucous shout, and, though these sheltering walls are thin, may they be strong to keep hate out and hold love in.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

TUCW EXPO TODAY -- Please visit our Expo to see how many things are happening by, with, among and for our community. It is an opportunity to get information about activities that interest you. You can make a difference.

DRUM CIRCLE led by Randy Brody -- Saturday, Sept. 16 from 2:00-5:00pm in the sanctuary. All funds raised will be donated to the UUA/UUSC Hurricane Harvey relief effort. Suggested donation \$20.

Re-dedication of new Black Lives Matter banner -- Sunday, Sept. 17 in the foyer immediately following the 11:00 service.

Immigration & Refugee Outreach Meeting -- Sunday, Sept. 17 at 12:45 in the sanctuary. Special guest speaker Claudia Connor, President and CEO of CIRI, will address the current situation with immigrants, DACA, and refugees.

Voices Café is BACK -- Season #6 begins on Saturday, October 14 at 8:00pm with Pierce Pettis, adored by both critics and public alike as one of this generation's most masterful singer/songwriters. Tickets available at: www.voicescafe.org

Beardsley School Volunteers-- If you were a reader or tutor last year and plan to continue this year, please contact your teachers directly to start up again. If you are interested in volunteering and could not sign up at the Expo, please email Anita Pfluger at pflugerdunn@sbcglobal.net

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT (LFD) MINISTRY 2017-2018 VOLUNTEERS

Pre-K-1st: Kate Croarkin, Olivia Foley, Anna Jones, Patti LaVoie, Anita Pfluger, Rachael Sandler, Susan Sherman. (Substitutes: Melissa Balmer, Marie Hayes)

2-3 : Jen Boland, Jim Cooper, Lynn Crager, Patty Dimon, Beverly Lieberman, Matthew McPartland, Kathy Roberts, Nina Smith, Russell Smith, Rob Staub, Christine Yang

Pre-K-1st AND 2-3rd grade: Michelle Hyland, Kelly Mallozzi, Kristi Patterson

4-5: Elena Rockman-Blake, Stephen Grathwohl, Nancy Kirwan Hayden, Melinda McMillen, Eileen O'Reilly, Dorothy Rich

Chapel (gr.2-5) Jamie Forbes, Linda Hudson, Janet Luongo, Alex Gormley, Steve Gormley

6-7: Maggie Blau, Lisa Donahue-Olivieri, Kim Farber, Michelle Fleisher, Dawn Kerr, Cathy McElroy, Dan Marcus, Berta Russell (Bible class: Tom Hearne, Substitute: Tanya Smith)

8-9:

Coming of Age: Carol Seiple, Miki Lasher, Deb Garskof, Tom Hearne

Boston Trip Coordinator: Jerusha Vogel

OWL Facilitators: Mary Megan-Marshall, Scott Singer, Robert Smith,

OWL Parent Group Facilitator: Gina Troisi

OWL Substitutes: Cheryl Dixon Paul, Linda Hudson, Kristen Leddy

9-12th Youth Group Advisors: Melanie Allen, Chuck Harrington, Arnela Ten Meer, Barb Schade, Lily Scheyling, John Wallace (Substitute: Randy Burnham, Bob Welsh, Chaperone: Jenna Jacobs)

LFD STAFF: Children's Coordinator: Mary B. Collins
Youth Program Coordinator: Shahan Islam
Sunday Teachers: Sandra Clements, Alex Garrison

IN MEMORIAM

Members of this Congregation who have died since our organization in 1949:

William Orth	Clyde Beals	James Deaver
Morris Stayman	Samuel Walker	Janet Bernhard
Alison Beardsley	Edna Olson	Bertha Clark
Heloise Steiner	Ann Ernst	June Deligdish
Fred Wish, Jr.	Louise Dublin	William Steiger
Mildred Ferrarer	William Reed	Mary Wright
Harold Peterson	Josephine Streeter	Dan Morley
Adrian Head	Russell Webster	Ruth Morley
David Kerr	Ann Lane	Elvira Spiller
Patricia Parker	Harry Hemenway	Mary Jean Lewis
Florence Snell	George Landes	Charles Karatzas
George Snell	Ellen MacNary	Jane Bickford
Patton Beard	Katherine Nachman	Maria Tydor
Karl Chworowsky	Courtland Steen	Charlotte Gregersen
Leona Lumby	Clara Tead	Ebie Walker Upton
Lloyd Blanchard	John Stick	Brian Gormley
Howard Sloman	Agatha Illava	Howard Hunt
Paula Summ	Robert Patterson	Fred Kimball
Frederick Breyer	Louis Tydor	Josephine Barnett
Abbie Guillo	Thomas Treadwell	Roe McIntosh
Katherine Hemenway	Allen Peterson	Doreen Rosati
Mary Ellen Nye	Millie Reed	Harry Swanson
Edith Beals	Sarah Taylor	Dolly Sayles
Joan Stone	Arthur Olson	Chris Lewis
Charity Travis	Carl Weinstein	Antoinette Duval Fromson
Ethelyn Valleau	Frederick Abbott	June Kastriner
Dana Kogan	Addellmah Olson	Craig Waterbury
John Baker	Cecil Crouse	Charlie Panish
Elizabeth Shikes	Richard Bodkin	Kristin Norling
Charles Hammill	Kathleen Small	Roma Scott
Retta Wish	Ben Spiegel	Walter Stoecker
Mary Reid	John Allen II	Mary Van Sante
Richard Steele	Jane Clark	Madison Sayles
Scott Elliot	Ida Green	Chris Priest
Frederick Buehner	Irving Calish	John Laidler
Louise Hunt	David Barnett	Lea Torrey
Paul Williams	Charlotte Maclear	Karen Waterbury
Donald Shearer	Charles Shiboski	Arthur DeSalvo
Richard Stamm	Mildred Treadwell	Jack Schute
Jean Beasley	Ben Sills	John Capsis
Jack Flatau	Sally Chworowsky	Pat Nebel
William Del Mar	Louise Levene	John Connelly
Ernest Kastriner	John Kennedy	Judy S. Fingado
Ordway Tead	Frank Crump	Dorothy Scott Williams
Audrey Samose	Nancy Ryder	Walter Northup
Jack Magidson	James Roman	Jack Eichler
Adelaide Baker	Robert Dore	Joseph Coppola
Wallace Ross	Arnold Bernhard	Nicholas Mastascusa
Thelma DiGiulio	Zenn Kaufman	Alan McLean
John Semmelmeier	Milo Nebel	Carl Erca
Hendrik Van Sante	Stan Hartman	Lillian Biro
Addison Bickford	Al Alkana	Ed Bryce
Adela Munoz	Scottee Erca	Greg Fried
Richard Steiner	Gladys Mansir	Michael Vander May
Ethel Freeman	John Fuller	Vicki Sue Robinson-Good
Ellen Allamon	Karen Treadwell	Joe Witkovitch
Betty Merris	Charles Reed	Harold Egan

Nicholas Page
Van Crouse
Lionel Rodgers
Keith Coleman
Scott Coleman
Joseph C. Scott
Dorothy Herrmann
Mark Worden
Alan Tamucci
Alfred Norling
Steve Coine
Al Karchere
Margit Rothstein
Charles Howes
Micki Magidson
Robert Finnie
Steve Lesser
Margaret Rodgers
Tom Funk
Elaine Schwartz
Constance Brown
Virginia Karchere
Peggy Boldt
Paul Becker
Christopher Reeve
Ruth Blackinton
Ann Cohen
Shelly Leighton
Roger Fingado
Ted Beers
Thelma Shiboski
Dana Reeve
Carol Panish
Joseph Boldt
Dorothy O'Donohue
Luther Conant
Lois Porro
Alan Senie
Wendy Hart
Mary Hunt
Paul Beres
Richard McGurk
Karen Cheh
Jeanne Howes
Beb (Beryl) Kennedy
Bill (Charles W.) Bell
Dan Cappel
Richard Wattenmaker

Tom Porro
David Rago
John McMahon
Joan Kulick
Norman Hunt
Nick Parisot
Jan McLean
Grace Amedan
Renata Libner
Charles Haney
Alice Guyott
Ray Busch
Russell Zolan
Jerry Davidoff
Alice Graves
Andrew Jaffe
Barbara Garfield
Alexandra Raineault
Raymond Porter
Mel Brenner
Shirley Mecklin
Ellen Page Wilson
Anthony Delano
Hans Hopf
Robert Lavender
Anita Dore
Jeanne Kimball
Seth Armen
Marsha Brighton
Nelson Hethrington
Roseanne George
Shirley Whetstone
Richard Salewen
Katie Gallagher
Carla Ivison
Betty Cohen
Leonard Brown
Sandra Capsis
Brita Cappel
Andy Wolfson
Lincoln Howes
Patricia Revey
John Larson
Eloise Armen
Doris Brenner
Edward Sheppard
Mildred Horosko
Ruth Swanson

Jean Northup
Edith Fried
Carolyn Lavender
Judith Constable
Margaret Folke
Marcia Jacobs
Harold Thormahlen
Janice Park
Kate McGraw
Peg Rabut
Gary Wang
Pamela Harrington
Connie Haney
Arnold Berke
Garth Dimon
Harriet Hiller Lebish
Walter Horosko
Marjorie Berke
Ceil Brody
Bob McGraw
Myron Kerstetter
Jerry Apoian
Midge Lanouette
Laurel Blades
Jeanne De Salvo
Roy Fine
Royal Graves
Barbara Comstock
Ruth Fine
Tom Bucky
Doris Bucky
Gil Vogel
Sue Senie
Sally Dimon
Joan Bothwell
Henry Loomis
Eunice Powers
Jim Perry
Bertram Spiller
Rick Narang
Bob Book
Bill Buckley
Lawrence Waterbury
Ken Lanouette
Melissa Gage
Lynn Peel
Carol Kovatch
Joe Wertheim

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.*