

ORDER OF SERVICE

May 15, 2016

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Linda Hudson, Worship Associate

INTROIT "Come, Let's Rejoice"

Chamber Choir

John Amner

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS

*OPENING HYMN # 360 "Here We Have Gathered"

STATEMENT OF 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.

STORY "Ms. Rumphius" by Barbara Cooney told by Mary Collins

EXIT SONG Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of
God surround you, everywhere, everywhere you may go.

CANDLE LIGHTING A time to share a brief personal joy or sorrow.
A Pastoral Care Associate will be at the candle boat after the service.

MEDITATION

MUSIC "How Lovely Are the Messengers" F. Mendelssohn

SERMON "My Closing Words" Rev. Dr. Debra Haffner

OFFERING "Non Nobis Domine" Rosephanye Powell

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.

CLOSING HYMN #121 "We'll Build a Land"

BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Omnia Sol"

Z. Randall Stroope

*Latecomers will be seated at this time.

Parents with young children are invited to use our nursery or sit in the foyer
where you can hear the service and your children can be children.

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, May 15

Soup Sale after both services

Parent RE Info Session, Chapel at 10:15 am

Constitution Revision Member Vote, Sanctuary at 12:30 am

Monday, May 16

Bell Choir, East Wing at 6:45 pm

O&AF rehearsal at 7:45 pm

Tuesday, May 17

Board of Trustees, East Wing at 6:30 pm

Men's Choir, Sanctuary at 8:00 pm

Thursday, May 19

Gentle Yoga, East Wing at 11:00 am

Youth Choir at 5:00 pm

Teen Choir at 6:00 pm

Finance Committee, Library at 6:00 pm

Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, May 20

Camp Jewell Weekend Retreat Starts

Soundings Deadline at 12:00 noon

Shawl Ministry, Meeting House at 12:20 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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Parents INFO meeting today from 10:15-10:45 am in Chapel. - Topic: 2016-2017 Lifespan Learning Programming planning overview. Learn what is in the works and give feedback about what you are looking for & what would work best for your/family schedule.

A Congregational Meeting to vote on changes to the Constitution will take place today in the Sanctuary following the 11 o'clock service. Please participate!

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all of you who have pledged for the church year beginning July 1, 2016. Pledging allows Rev John, the Board, and the Finance Committee to plan the budget for the upcoming church year. As our canvass campaign winds down if you have not pledged, please do so today so that we can plan for next year.

There will be a Church Potluck on Saturday, June 4 from 6-8 PM for members of our congregation to say farewell to the Rev. Dr. Debra Haffner and Ralph Tartaglione. Sign- up sheets are on the table at the East Wing side of the Foyer. Please make plans to attend and bring a dish and some memories to share.

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 or sign up in the Flower Book. All Sundays are available, the cost is \$65 and we take care of all details!



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.*

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Ushers at 9:00 S. Kadison, M. Constable, C. Frei
Ushers at 11:00 P. Yonkers, J. Turmelle, K. Leddy, R. Sankar
Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music
Rev. Dr. Debra Haffner, Endorsed Community Minister

Rev. Frank Hall, Minister Emeritus

Mary Collins, Director Lifespan Faith Development; Cal Wacker, Youth Programs

David Vita, Director Social Justice and Membership