

ORDER OF SERVICE
January 31, 2016

PRELUDE "Centering" Tao Te Ching/Thompson
Men's & Women's Choirs & RCA Quartet

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Martha Constable
Worship Associate

CHALICE LIGHTING 11:00 Emily Cleary

OPENING WORDS Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

*OPENING HYMN #90 "From All the Fret and Fever of the Day"

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 "The Empty Cup" told by Mary Collins
Teachers & Children to classes, Hymn # 413

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

SPOKEN AND SILENT MEDITATION

MUSIC "The Song of the Willow" Brian Zinman

SERMON "The Path of Least Resistance" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING "If There's to Be Peace" Tao Te Ching/Thompson

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 #100 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Passion Dance" McCoy Tyner

Welcome and thank you to the quartet from the Regional Center for the Arts: Paul Buzel, sax; TJ Croke, bass; Laura Kandro, piano; Mike LaRocca, percussion

*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, January 31

Soup Sale after both services
8th Grade Parents Meeting, Chapel at 12:30 pm
United With Kenya Presentation, East Wing at 12:30 pm
Rainbow Task Force, Meeting House at 12:30 pm

Monday, February 1

Bell Choir, Sanctuary at 6:45 pm
O&AF Rehearsal at 7:45 pm

Tuesday February 2

Parent Info Meeting, Fellowship Room at 7:00 pm
Men's Choir at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 3

Soundings Mailing, Fellowship Room at 1:00 pm
Endowment Committee, Dorothy's Office at 7:00 pm
Stewardship, Fellowship Room at 7:15 pm
Chamber Choir at 7:45 pm

Thursday, February 4

Constitution Task Force, Library at 3:00 pm
Youth Choir at 5:00 pm
Teen Choir at 6:00 pm
Grief Support, Rev. John's Office at 7:00 pm
Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, February 5

Shawl Ministry, Meeting House at 12:30 pm
Story Slam, Sanctuary at 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 6

Newcomer Orientation, East Wing at 9:00 pm
Sight Singing, Sanctuary at 9:00 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You've heard about Mercy Learning Center. Want to find out what it's all about? Come to an Introductory Luncheon at MLC. Friday, February 5th. 11:30 - 1:00. See the Center; hear from a student; meet the staff. Learn more or RSVP: Sharon Bittenbender 203-400-3843 or sharon@slpoole.com

Cabaret! Our annual evening of fun and singing will be on Saturday Feb 13, at 8:00 pm. It is a BYO event. If you'd like to be a participant please contact Ed Thompson.

Calling all Parents -Tues. Feb. 2nd, 7pm- K-12th gr. Parents meeting - Info about NEW Parent Groups starting & K-12th sexuality education support for you. RSVP Mary.dre@uuwestport.org (ask for a link if you want to join us remotely).

Pre-K group "Jump for Justice" today (for Food Access Coalition) How many jumps they can do in 1 minute?! See Alex Garrison, Pre-K Teacher, & the children to support this outreach. Donations may be a set amount or a "Per Jump" amount as you wish.

If you have lost a loved one and would appreciate the support of others going through a similar experience, join us in Rev. John's office each Thurs. 7:00- 8:30 pm, Jan. 7th to Feb. 4th. Pat Francek 203-893-1781 or Barbara Kezur 203-454-8993.

Come walk the Empathy Labyrinth in the East Wing today! Have fun as you experience new ways to deepen your connections with others and help avoid/resolve conflicts peacefully. Childcare available. Offered as part of TUCW Compassionate Communication NVC program. Teens & children who can listen and participate with parent(s) are welcome.

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. The cost is \$65 and we will take care of all the 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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FLOWERS

*Don't miss MacChilifest next weekend,
the Festivus for the rest of us.*

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music
Rev. Debra Haffner, Endorsed Community Minister

Rev. Frank Hall, Minister Emeritus

Mary Collins, Director Religious Education; Cal Wacker, Youth Programs

David Vita, Director Social Justice and Membership