

ORDER OF SERVICE
January 8, 2017

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

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GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

INTROIT "Let It Be"

Once & Again Folksingers

African Chant

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS

*OPENING HYMN #149 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

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 Never Ending Story" based on a book by Michael Ende
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 Chaplain will be present at the candle boat after the service

COMMISSION of Sojourners to Washington

MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

MUSIC "Be a Candle of Hope"

Becki Mayo

SERMON "Through the Gates of Struggle" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

SHARE THE PLATE "Woyaya"

Osibisa

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 "Somos el Barco"

Lorre Wyatt

Somos el barco, somos el mar, yo navego en ti, tu navegos en mi.
We are the boat, we are the sea. I sail in you, you sail in me.

CLOSING WORDS

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE "Walk On"

Thompson

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

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Today, January 8

Camp Jewell Planning Meeting, Chapel at 10:15 am
Meditation, Elm Room at 10:15 am and 12:30 pm
Facing the Future Support Group, Youth Room at 12:30 pm\
Gr. 6-8 Service Group Soup Making, Meeting House 12:30 pm
Youth Group, Youth Room at 6:00 pm

Monday, January 9

Bell Choir, East Wing at 6:45 pm
Non Violent Communication Practice, Library at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 10

Adult Meditation Practice, Library at 7:00 pm
Men's Choir at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, January 11

Soundings Deadline at 12:00 noon
Domestic Violence Task Force, East Wing at 12:30 pm
Committee On Ministry, Meeting House at 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 12

Youth Choir at 5:00 pm
Parent's Theme of Month Mtg, Fellowship Room at 5:30 pm
Teen Choir at 6:00 pm
Lara Fuchs' Committee, Library at 6:15 pm
Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, January 13

Shawl Ministry, Meeting House at 12:30 pm

Continued on back.

Saturday, January 14

Newcomer's Orientation, East Wing at 8:30 pm

Sight-singing Class, Sanctuary at 9:30 pm

Voice Class, Sanctuary at 11:00 am

Pastoral Care Chaplains, Meeting House at 12:30 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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Camp Jewell Planning Meeting today at 10:10-10:50am in the Children's Chapel. Come and help plan this exciting weekend away with 60 of your closet Unitarian friends. If you think you don't have that many friends, count again at the end of the weekend!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration co-sponsored by the Interfaith Council, TEAM Westport and The Westport Country Playhouse, will take place on **Sunday, January 15, 3:00 p.m. at the Playhouse**. The keynote speaker will be Professor Tricia Rose, and a gospel choir from Norwalk will sing. Everyone is invited to attend.

January Book Discussions - start reading now:

ALL Church Read: Waking Up White by Debbie Irving (we have a limited number of books on order – contact Ray@uuwestport.org) January 29th Discussion Leader: Rev. John Morehouse

We Are Called to Rise by Laura McBride - a topical book of fiction
Jan. 22nd Discussion Leader: Kathy Kurzatkowski, Adult Program chair and teacher at Norwalk C.C.

Women's March-Washington D.C.-Jan. 21, 2017 – So many people want to go we now have **A SECOND BUS!** Go to <https://www.letskedaddle.com/events/6734> and use access code: 86e147c3e84. We depart from the Church parking lot at 1:30 **AM** on Jan. 21st and return that night. Please sign up now. Contact David Vita for more information.

Youth Group (9-12th gr) will continue meeting regularly on Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm in the Youth Room at the Meeting House.



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.*

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers 9:00: M. Allen, C. English, C. Prescott

Ushers 11:00: D. Jones, T. Sandler, T. Croarkin, S. Brady

Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music

Rev. Frank A. Hall, Minister Emeritus

Lara Fuchs, Intern Minister

Mary Collins, Lifespan Faith Development; Cal Wacker, Youth Programs
David Vita, Director Social Justice and Membership