

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**October 16, 2016 at 9:00 & 11:00 am**

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Maria Mendoza Smith, Worship Associate

INTROIT 9:00 "Calm the Tempests of My Heart" E. Alexander  
Men's Choir

11:00 "Do Justly" Micah/Thompson  
Women's Choir

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS Lara Fuchs

\*OPENING HYMN #347 "Gather the Spirit"

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 "Modi" by Jane B. Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

EXIT SONG

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

REFLECTIONS ON OUR WELCOMING CONGREGATION

The Rainbow Task Force

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 9:00 "Standin' in the Need of Prayer" Traditional Spiritual  
11:00 "O Colored Earth" Steve Heitzig

SERMON "Called to Love, Justice, Vitality"  
Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

OFFERING 9:00 "God Who Fills the Universe" Seaburg/Thompson  
11:00 "Meda Wawa Ase" Akan Song, arr. Sandler

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 #114 "Forward through the Ages"

CLOSING WORDS Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

RECESS FOR RAINBOW FLAG DEDICATION

\*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, October 16

Rainbow Flag Dedication Ceremony outside at 12:15 pm  
Q&A with Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, E. Wing at 10:15 & 12:30  
Diana Eck Pluralism Lecture/discussion Sanctuary at 2:30 pm  
Reception in foyer at 4:00 pm. Childcare available.  
Youth Group, Youth Room at 7:00 pm

Monday, October 17

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

Tuesday, October 18

Board of Trustees, East Wing at 7:00 pm  
Men's Choir, Sanctuary at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, October 19

Stewardship Committee, Fellowship Room at 7:00 pm  
Chamber Choir Rehearsal at 7:45 pm

Thursday, October 20

Gentle Yoga, East Wing at 10:30 am  
Youth Choir at 5:00 pm  
Teen Choir at 6:00 pm  
Women's Choir at 7:45 pm  
Online LFD Teacher Meeting at 8:00 pm

Friday, October 21

Soundings Deadline at 12:00 noon  
Shawl Ministry, Meeting House at 12:30 pm  
Film "Defying the Nazis" Sanctuary at 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 22

Jim Perry Circle of Remembrance, Sanctuary 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).

## OPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

**Today: America's Religious Diversity: Threat or Promise?** A major address by Dr. Diana Eck, Director of Harvard Divinity School's Pluralism Project. Dr. Eck's extensive work on religious diversity and on pluralism is foundational to understanding our upcoming racial justice and interfaith activities. Christian, Islamic, and Hindu religious leaders will respond to the presentation at 2:30 in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow at 4:00 pm in the foyer. Childcare is available. This program is made possible by a generous grant from the Endowment Fund.

**Our preacher, Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray**, is one of three candidates for President of the UUA. She will meet members for a Q&A session in the East Wing 10:15-10:45 am and 12:30-1:00 pm.

**Join us immediately following the 11:00 service** at the church entrance on Lyons Plains Road for a congregational dedication ceremony of our Rainbow Flag.

**There will be a Circle of Remembrance for Jim Perry** on Saturday, October 22 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.

**Online Meeting**, Oct. 20th at 8pm for Lifespan Faith Development Teachers Check in and review of resource "Responsible Cultural Borrowing" Contact [Mary.dre@uuwestport.org](mailto:Mary.dre@uuwestport.org) to RSVP and for Link

**The Youth Group meets weekly on Sunday evening at 7:00 pm** in the Youth Room at the Meeting House.

**The family of Beardsley School** 2nd Grader Anneisha Santiago lost everything they own in a fire on October 12. Sadly, they also suffered another devastating loss last month when Mr. Santiago was hit by a bus and died. The family is in dire need of emergency funds. Much appreciated donations can be made at the Social Justice table today.



**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.*

## FLOWERS

*In celebration of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination here with ongoing gratitude, Peggy Block  
Community Minister, UU Danbury  
Member, The Unitarian Church in Westport since 1993*

# The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers 9:00: S. Kadison, M. Constable, R. Balmer

Ushers 11:00:P. Yonkers, K. Leddy, J. Turmelle, R. Sankar

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