

ORDER OF SERVICE
November 8, 2015

PRELUDE 9:00 "Shehecheyanu" Jewish Prayer/Thompson
Women's Choir, Erik Paul, conductor
11:00 "There Is a Balm" Spiritual
Men's Choir, Erik Paul, conductor

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Maria Mendoza Smith,
Worship Associate

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS

*OPENING HYMN #40 "The Morning Hangs a Signal"

STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION (see cover)

STORY FOR ALL AGES told by Mary Collins
Children & teachers 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 & SILENT MEDITATION

RESPONSIVE READING #512

MUSIC 9:00 "I Am Being Woven" Amy Bernon
11:00 "O God Who Fills the Universe" Seaburg/Thompson

SERMON "Wearing the Robes of Grace" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

SHARE THE PLATE 9:00 "Think on These Things"
Corinthians/Thompson
11:00 "O Will You Sing" Shaker Song

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 #205 "Amazing Grace!"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Allegro" Robert Schumann
Beth Palmer, piano

*Latecomers will be seated at this time.
Parents with young children are invited to sit in the first three rows so that
little ones can see and participate.
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, November 8
Realm help in Jan's office after second service
OWL Parents Meeting, Chapel at 12:30 pm
Rainbow Task Force, East Wing at 12:30 pm
Creating Our Own Theology, Sanctuary at 1:00 pm
Tuesday, November 10
Membership, Library at 7:15 pm
Men's Choir at 8:00 pm
Wednesday, November 11
Domestic Violence Task Force, East Wing at 12:30 pm
COM, Meeting House at 7:00 pm
Thursday, November 12
Youth Choir at 5:00 pm
Teen Choir at 6:00 pm
Special Projects Choir at 7:45 pm
Friday, November 13
Story Slam, Sanctuary at 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 14
"Dawning Future" UU Congregation Shelter Rock at 9:00 am
Special Projects Choir, Sanctuary at 9:00 am
Money & Spiritual Vision, Library at 10:00 am
Pastoral Care Associates, Meeting House at 1:00 pm
Voices Café, *Helium Brothers* at 8:00 pm
Doors open at 7:30 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Realm help is available in the church office after the 11:00 service today. Look for Nicole Khanna in the office past the Fellowship Room.

The first ever UCW Story Slam will be on Friday, Nov. 13 at 7:30 in the Sanctuary. Like a Poetry Slam, or the Moth Radio Hour, participants can tell a story or just listen to them. All stories this month will be riffs on the theme: "I Was Lying Through My Teeth". Entrance Fee is \$10 and all proceeds go to UU Westport. Info: Tom Croarkin tom@uuwestport.org.

TUCW and Triangle Community Center will be hosting a ceremony commemorating the International Transgender Day of Remembrance Friday, November 20 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Sanctuary. A candlelight vigil is planned to honor the lives of victims of murder and suicide. This community event provides an opportunity to stand in vigil, memorializing those who have died by anti-transgender violence.

Coat Drive collection boxes will be in the TUCW foyer and downstairs in RE on Sundays November 8 & 15. Winter is almost here...time to reach into your closets for those gently used Winter Coats, Jackets, Hats, Scarves, Gloves etc. Let's help the Bridgeport Rescue Mission reach its goal of collecting and distributing 15,000 Coats. All sizes needed.

The annual holiday jewelry sale will be held Dec. 6. A great place for holiday shopping...all jewelry has been donated by our congregation and we have beautiful bracelets, earrings, necklaces and scarves at bargain prices! Jewelry donations accepted and volunteers needed. Contact Marilyn Reed: marilynnjr@gmail.com

Voices Café- The Helium Brothers! Saturday, Nov.14 at 8:00pm. With TUCW member Andy Gundell, Kim Oler, composer of beautiful songs in our hymnal, and featuring original music by another TUCW favorite member musician/composer, Len Handler. Tickets on sale today!

If you are going through a challenging time and need support from our Pastoral Care Associates, call to leave a confidential message in the PCA voice mailbox (203-227-7205 ext. 19) or PCA@uuwestport.org



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.*

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.*

FLOWERS

*In loving memory of K.B. Khanna
Given by Sam & Anne Khanna*

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers 9:00: C. Brennan, S. Brennan

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

Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister

Rev. 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