

ORDER OF SERVICE
December 4, 2016 at 9:00 & 11:00 am

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Linda Hudson, Worship Associate

INTROIT "Give Light"

The Once & Again Folksingers

Kim & Reggie Harris

CHALICE LIGHTING

Worship Associate

OPENING WORDS

Lara Fuchs, Intern Minister

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

*OPENING HYMN "Words of a Prophet"

Francis David/Thompson

You don't have to think alike to love alike.

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 "Ya Ta Hey"

Rev. Pupke

EXIT SONG

(Children exit to programming in lower level)

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

RESPONSIVE READING #580

Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed

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

MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

MUSIC "Give Us Hope"

Jim Papoulis

SERMON "The Grand Experiment: Unitarian Universalism in the 21st
Century"

Rev. Jeanne Pupke

OFFERING "Swimming to the Other Side"

Pat Humphries

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 "Blue Boat Home" (see insert)

CLOSING WORDS

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE "River of Jordan"

Peter Yarrow

*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, December 4

Holiday Appeal Donation Station in foyer after both services
Jewelry sale in East Wing after both services
Wreath sales in outside courtyard after both services
Kiva Cards for sale in foyer after both services
Q&A with Rev. Jeanne Pupke in Sanctuary after both services

Parent Group, Chapel at 10:15 am

Immigration & Refugee Committee, Chapel at 12:30 pm
Facing the Future Support Group, Youth Room at 12:30 pm
Vitas Healing Tree Ceremony, Sanctuary at 2:00 pm
Youth Group, Youth Room at 6:00 pm

Monday, December 5

Bell Choir, East Wing at 6:45 pm
Grief Support Group, Rev. John's Office at 7:00 pm
O&AF Rehearsal at 7:45 pm

Tuesday, December 6

LFD Elementary Circle, Fellowship Room at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 7

Worship Associates, Rev. John's Office at 7:00 pm
Stewardship, Fellowship Room at 7:00 pm
Eliminating Racism, Library at 7:00 pm
Chamber Choir Rehearsal at 7:45 pm

Thursday, December 8

Pageant Rehearsal at 5:00 pm
Teen Choir at 6:00 pm
Special Projects Choir at 7:45 pm

Saturday, December 10

Special Projects Choir at 10:00 am
Pastoral Care Chaplains, Youth Room at 1:00 pm
Voices Café, foyer at 8:00 (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.

OPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

A holiday gift supports our Unitarian Universalist work to heal the world and is now more important than ever. Please consider making a generous Holiday gift in addition to your pledge. You can stop at the donation station in the foyer between the services.

Rev. Jeanne Pupke, one of the three UUA Presidential Candidates, is preaching today. There will be a Q&A session after each service. All the candidates were invited to preach in Westport. We met Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray last month and Rev. Alison Miller will be here Jan. 15.

Your last chance to purchase a wreath is today. You can begin your holiday season and support youth group programming too!

A Memorial Ceremony led by Vitas Hospice Care today from 2-3 pm will be a time of remembering, sharing and healing for all those grieving for their loved ones. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

The Small Group Ministry has 108 members in 13 groups that meet monthly to discuss a topic. December's topic is "Presence: Isn't it true that when we are most present, a powerful presence emerges?" Join a group near you! Talk to a "SGM" representative in the foyer after each service or contact Steven Rosenberg @ Rosen323@aol.com.

You're invited on Saturday, Dec. 17th to an All Congregation Holiday Party (6pm Potluck, 7pm Sing-a-long, open craft table). Sign-up sheet in foyer or check email of the week for the sign-up link.

Nearly all of Mercy Learning Center's students live in poverty. Pick up a list at the Social Justice Table of what's needed and learn how you can help.

Help us decorate the sanctuary for the holidays For information about contributing our traditional wreaths and poinsettias Jan@uuwestport.org

Women's March-Washington D.C.-January 21, 2017 -We are going!! Go to <https://www.letskedaddle.com/events/6339#> and use access code c73206ba469. The cost will be \$100 or less. We depart from the Church parking lot at 1:30 AM on Jan.21st and return that night.



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

*Dedicated with love to Peggy Boldt, a founding member
of this church, by her children
Deborah, John and David (in espritu)*

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers 9:00: M.J. Cross, A. Stockton, D. Barrow
Ushers 11:00: L. Peel, J. Glasser-Orenstein, S. Khadjavi, D. Bell
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