

ORDER OF SERVICE
February 14, 2016

PRELUDE "Love Me Tender"
9:00 Men's Choir ; 11:00 Women's Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Linda Hudson
Worship Associate

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

*OPENING HYMN #34 "Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"

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 of St. Valentine told by Mary Collins

MUSIC "One Hand, One Heart" Bernstein

SILENT CANDLELIGHTING Linda Hudson
A Pastoral Care Associate will be present at the candle boat after service

READING "Like Me?" (Free To Be Me) Emily Kingsley

MUSIC "Valentine's Song" Ed Thompson
I made a Valentine for you; the heart-shape says I love you!
HEART, HEART, HEART the heart-shape says I love you!

SHARE THE PLATE "Love Your Neighbor: Welcoming the Refugees"
David Vita

"What the World Needs Now" (see insert)

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.

REFLECTION Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

CLOSING SONG "How Deep is the Ocean" (see insert)

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "If We Only Have Love" Jacques Brel
Suzanne Sheridan

*Latecomers will be seated at this time.

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, February 14

Soup Sale after both services
PreK-5th Parents Meeting, Chapel at 10:15 am
Youth Group Business Meeting, Youth Room at 12:00 pm
Circle 10 Potluck, Meeting House at 1:00 pm

Monday, February 15

Bell Choir, East Wing at 6:45 pm
NVC Practice, Fellowship Room at 7:00 pm
COM, Meeting House at 7:30 pm
O&AF Rehearsal at 7:45 pm

Tuesday February 16

Board of Trustees, Fellowship Room at 6:30 pm
Men's Choir at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 17

Stewardship, Fellowship Room at 7:15 pm
Chamber Choir Rehearsal at 7:45 pm

Thursday, February 18

Youth Choir at 5:00 pm
Teen Choir at 6:00 pm
Finance Committee, Library at 6:00 pm
Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, February 19

Shawl Ministry, Meeting House at 12:30 pm

Saturday, February 20

Memoir Writing Workshop, East Wing at 10:00 am
Small Group Facilitators, Meeting House at 10:00 am
Pastoral Care Assoc. Training, Meeting House at 12:00 pm
Community Suicide Talk, Sanctuary at 4:00 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

In response to the suicides at Staples High School, Jim and Pat Francek will join me and members of the staff in facilitating a conversation on suicide on Feb. 20 from 4-6 pm in the Sanctuary. This session is open to teens and parents including our wider community. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Rev. John at revjohn@westportuu.org or 310-710-6846.

Drop by the Camp Jewell table to fill out your registration forms and drop off payments. We need to send a deposit to secure our cabins! If you have any questions Cathy McElroy will be available or you can reach her at mcelroy.cathy@gmail.com

Come walk the Empathy Labyrinth in the East Wing Feb. 21! 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! Dates are available in March and beyond.



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

*In memory of Carolyn & Bob Lavender –
may they be forever remembered for their love & dedication.*

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers at 9:00 C. Brennan, S. Brennan, M. Allen

Ushers at 11:00 T. Croarkin, D. Jones, S. Brady, B. Worden

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