

ORDER OF SERVICE
February 21, 2016

PRELUDE "Rejoice in the Good" Anonymous
9:00 Men's Choir ; 11:00 Women's Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Martha Constable
Worship Associate

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS Martha Constable, Worship Associate

*OPENING HYMN #44 "We Sing of Golden Mornings"

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 Most Magnificent Thing" by Ashley Spires
told by Rev. John Morehouse

EXIT SONG Go now in peace, go now in peace,
May the love of God surround you everywhere you may go.

RESPONSIVE READING (9:00) #730

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

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.

SPOKEN AND SILENT MEDITATION

MUSIC 9:00 "Keep Your Heart with Vigilance" Thompson
11:00 "Only Time" Enya

SERMON "Wings Set Me Free" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING 9:00 "Visions We Dare" Swedish Folksong
11:00 "Joyful Are They" Handel

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 #95 "There Is More Love Somewhere"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Being Alive" Stephen Sondheim
Jenna Jacobs, soprano

*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.
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 21

Soup Sale after both services
6-8 Grade Parents Meeting, Chapel at 10:15 am
YG Business Meeting, Meeting House at 12:00 pm
Empathy Labyrinth, East Wing at 12:15 pm

Monday, February 22

Eliminating Racism, Library at 7:00 pm
NVC Practice, Fellowship Room at 7:00 pm

Tuesday February 23

Adult Ed Circle, Library at 10:00 am
Men's Choir at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 24

COM, Library at 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 25

Youth Choir at 5:00 pm
Teen Choir at 6:00 pm
Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, February 26

Youth Group District Con, sign-in at 7:00 pm
UU Movie Discussion, Meeting House at 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 27

Youth Group District Con all day

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS during the 11:00 service - Jason Black & Beth Lamonica, Alex Boboc, Susan Butler, Melissa Jagoe-Seidl, Sophia Jagoe-Seidl, Lawrenzo McGee, Stephen Polmar & Suzanne Polmar.

Come walk the Empathy Labyrinth in the East Wing today after the second service. Have fun as you experience new ways to deepen your connections with others and help avoid/resolve conflicts peacefully. Childcare available. Teens & children who can listen and participate with parent(s) are welcome.

Parent Meetings on monthly theme at 10:15 to 10:45 am in the Chapel on 2/21 grade 6-8 parents and 2/28 grade 9-12.

Understanding World Religions-Christianity session 2 on February 28 with Thomas Hearne from 12:30 – 2 in the library. **RSVP to Tom at thearne3@gmail.com** for information or to sign up. Adults and teens welcome. *“Let's explore your favorite misconceptions about Christianity...”*

Like to Garden? Meet 2/28 at 10:00 am- PINE Room (Lower Level) Learn about new Garden Club (a Family friendly Service Project) with a Bridgeport non-profit in the upcoming season (one Saturday a month). RSVP to Pollyfcromwell@gmail.com

Visit the Camp Jewell Table today to drop off your registration fees and your checks! It's time to go to contract! Thanks. Questions? Contact Cathy at mcelroy.cathy@gmail.com or 203-394-1017.

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!



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 my parents
Dr. & Mrs. John H. Woodruff
Given by Linda Woodruff*

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers at 9:00 S. Kadison, C. Frei

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

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