

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**March 12, 2017**

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH Janet Luongo  
Worship Associate

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

INTROIT "Deep in Our Soul" Joyce Poley  
Once & Again Folksingers

CHALICE LIGHTING Worship Associate

OPENING WORDS Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

\*OPENING HYMN #159 "This Is My Song"

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 (9:00) "Edward and the Dragon" told by Rev. Morehouse

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

EXIT SONG

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

RESPONSIVE READING (see insert)

SILENT CANDLE LIGHTING

A Pastoral Care Chaplain will be present at the candle boat after the service

MEDITATION Lara Fuchs, Intern Minister

MUSIC "Nada Te Turbe" Jacques Berthier  
Nada te turbe, nada te espante, quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.  
Nada te turbe, nada te espante Solo Dios basta.

SERMON "There Be Dragons " Lara Fuchs, Intern Minister

SHARE THE PLATE "Give Light" Kim & Reggie Harris

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 "When the Spirit says Do" (see insert)

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Siyahamba" South African (Zulu)  
2. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God  
3. We are singing.....; 4. We are walking.....

\*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, March 12

NLDC Library at 10:30 am

Advanced Care Planning Workshop, Sanctuary at 12:30 pm

Int'l Council UU Presentation, East Wing at 12:30 pm

NLDC, Youth Room at 12:30 pm

Gr. 9 COA, Rev. John's Office at 6:00 pm

Youth Group, Youth Room at 6:00 pm

Monday, March 13

Bell Choir, East Wing at 6:45 pm

Non Violent Communication Practice, Library at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 15

Committee on Ministry, Meeting House at 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 16

Youth Choir at 5:00 pm

Teen Choir at 6:00 pm

Finance Committee, Fellowship Room at 6:00 pm

Stewardship, East Wing at 7:00 pm

Eliminating Racism, Library at 7:30 pm

Special Projects Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, March 17

"Other Desert Cities" Sanctuary at 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 18

Small Group Facilitators, Meeting House at 10:00 am

"Other Desert Cities" Sanctuary at 8:00 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](http://www.uuwestport.org).

## OPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

**One of the hardest things for family members** to handle is when they do not know the wishes of their partner, parent, sibling or child when life is coming to an end. Today at 12:30 in the Sanctuary Pastoral Care has arranged for a seasoned chaplain at Bridgeport Hospital to share things for us to consider as we have this conversation with our loved ones.

**Rally for Unity & Resilience** – Standing with Refugees and Immigrants has been re-scheduled for today at 3:00pm at the Bessemer Center Social Hall, 2200 North Ave, Bridgeport. Speakers, music, poetry, vigil.

**The International Council of Unitarians & Universalists (ICUU)** is a worldwide network of member groups with programs connecting people. Rev. Sara Ascher will tell us what they are doing to strengthen our faith and how you can get involved. Today at 12:30-2pm in the East Wing.

**Camp Jewell sign up** is in full swing in the foyer after the services today. Make your reservations for this very special weekend retreat.

**The UU Westport Players will present** the drama, "Other Desert Cities," March 17 & 18 at 8 pm and March 19 at 3 pm in the sanctuary. Having made its Broadway debut in November 2011, "Other Desert Cities" tells the story of a politically divided family forced to deal with a long-held secret. Suggested donation \$20

**Spring Equinox Labyrinth:** Monday, March 20th 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Come join in this ancient tradition of hope and reflection as our world turns once again, and looks forward to Spring. This is a time for meditation, labyrinth walking and candle lighting. Our labyrinth will be set up in the East Wing for contemplative walking.

**Mercy Learning Center helps women** living in poverty build skills to help them support their families. One of many ways MLC helps is by providing diapers which are prohibitively expensive to mothers with few resources. The shelves are bare and the largest sizes are desperately needed.



**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

*Given in memory of Lawrence Waterbury*

# The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers 9:00: M. Allen, C. Prescott

Ushers 11:00: D. Jones, E. Rockman-Blake, T. Croarkin, S. Brady

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  
David Vita, Director Social Justice and Membership