

ORDER OF SERVICE

March 20, 2016

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH Sudha Shankar,
Worship Associate

INTROIT "Circle Round for Freedom" Linda Hirschhorn
9:00 Women's Choir; 11:00 Men's Choir

CHALICE LIGHTING

TESTIMONIAL 9:00 Ken Lanouette; 11:00 Arnela Ten Meer

*OPENING HYMN #349 "We Gather Together"

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 "Sanji and the Baker" told by Rev. John

CHILD DEDICATION 11:00 **Valor Douglass Bray**

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

COMMISSIONING OF STEWARDS

SINGLE CANDLE LIGHTING

A Pastoral Care Associate will be at the candle boat after the service.

MEDITATION

MUSIC 9:00 "Let Me Not Pray" Tagore/Thompson
11:00 "Die Gedanken Sind Frei" German Song/Thompson

SERMON "Liberating Wealth" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING "I Am Only One" Edward Everett Hale/Thompson

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 #402 "Giving and Receiving"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Nothing More" The Alternate Routes
Jenna Jacobs, soprano; Steve Axthelm, guitar

*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, March 20

Soup Sale after both services

PreK-5 gr. Parents Meeting, Chapel at 10:15 am

Spiritual Practices Kickoff, Library at 10:15 am

Gr. 8 OWL Celebration/Potluck, Meeting House at 12:15 pm

Gr. 9 COA Meeting House top floor at 12:30 pm

"Twelve Angry Jurors" Performance, Sanctuary at 3:00

Monday, March 21

Bell Choir, East Wing at 6:45 pm

O&AF Rehearsal at 7:45 pm

Tuesday, March 22

Tai Chi, East Wing at 11:00 am

Constitution Revision Info Session, Fellowship Room 7:00 pm

COM, Meeting House at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 23

Stewardship, Fellowship Room at 7:15 pm

Worship Associates, Rev. John's Office at 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 24

Youth Choir at 5:00 pm

Teen Choir at 6:00 pm

Finance Committee, Library at 6:00 pm

Men's/Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, March 25

Soundings Deadline at 12:00 noon

UU Movie Discussion, Meeting House 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. Please join us after the service for our Fellowship Coffee Hour for refreshment and conversation. More information can be found at www.uuwestport.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

PLEASE PLEDGE TODAY!

Today, Sunday, March 20th, marks the official start of [Y]Our 2016 Annual Canvass. It runs through April 17. Come join us at "A Night of Magical Living" -- Saturday April 2nd, 5pm-8pm in the UU Westport Sanctuary. The entire family is invited to this congregation-wide celebration. The evening will include a potluck, sing-a-longs with Ed Thompson, and a professional Magic Show! Visit the Stewardship table in the foyer to pick up a pledge card, and to sign up for Magic Night!

Last chance to see "Twelve Angry Jurors". The play that inspired Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to pursue a career in the law, will be presented today at 3:00 PM. Suggested donation \$20.

Between Services: 21 Days of Spiritual Practice for All Ages - Library – check-in and share your experience. Info: kathleendey@gmail.com

Beardsley School: The Grade 5 class is studying American history this year and is planning an exciting field trip to Boston. Please stop by the social justice table to donate and help make this trip possible for them.

The Constitution Revision Task Force is holding Information Sessions for you to learn about the changes being proposed to our Constitution, ask questions, and provide input. The third of 9 of these programs will be today following the 11 o'clock service in the East Wing and the fourth will be this Tuesday March 22 at 7 PM in the Fellowship (coffee) Room. The full schedule is posted on the Bulletin Board in the foyer and at www.uuwestport.org/aboutus/governance/

NLDC is putting together the slate of candidates for the June Annual Meeting for the following elected committees: Board of Trustees, Committee on Ministries, Endowment and NLDC. Please contact any NLDC member with nomination(s), including self-nominations. More information will be included in Soundings, or contact NLDC Chair, Carol Seiple at carol_seiple@yahoo.com.

Donations of canned Dog & Cat food for the Westport Humane Society are being collected in the "Cat-Dog" Basket" in the foyer.



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

*Given to the congregation by Joy & Bliss Bray
in celebration of their brother Valor's dedication on
March 20, 2016.*

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers at 9:00 S. Kadison, K. Leddy, L. Peel
Ushers at 11:00 P. Yonkers, J. Turmelle, M. Allen, R. Sankar
Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music
Rev. Dr. Debra Haffner, Endorsed Community Minister
Rev. Frank Hall, Minister Emeritus

Mary Collins, Director Lifespan Faith Development; Cal Wacker, Youth Programs
David Vita, Director Social Justice and Membership