

ORDER OF SERVICE
April 10, 2016

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH Anita Pfluger,
Worship Associate

TESTIMONIAL 9:00 Tom Hearne; 11:00 Tom Croarkin

INTROIT "The Realm of Our Mind" Anonymous
Josh Davidoff, clarinet

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS

*OPENING HYMN #124 "Be That Guide"

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 "Grasshopper or St. Paul: the Story of Quillen Shinn"
told by Mary Collins

SHARE THE PLATE "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.

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

NEW MEMBER CEREMONY

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.

MEDITATION

MUSIC "Love Is the Water" Pat Wictor, soloist Pat Wictor

SERMON "Our Creative Faith" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

CLOSING HYMN #287 "Faith of the Larger Liberty"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Say Amen Somebody" Nick Page

*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, April 10

PreK-5th Parents Group, Chapel at 10:15 pm
Constitution Revision Info Session, Sanctuary at 12:30 pm
Voices Café Concert, Sanctuary at 4:30 pm (doors open 4:00)

Monday, April 11

NVC Practice, East Wing at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 12

Tai Chi, East Wing at 11:00 am
Constitution Revision Info Session, East Wing at 7:00 pm
Men's Choir, Sanctuary at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 13

Domestic Violence Task Force, East Wing at 12:30 pm
Endowment, Library at 7:00 pm
Stewardship, Fellowship Room at 7:15 pm
COM, Meeting House at 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 14

Senior Luncheon, East Wing at 11:00 am
Youth Choir at 5:00 pm
Teen Choir at 6:00 pm
NLDC, Rev. John's Office at 6:00 pm
Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, April 15

Shawl Ministry, Meeting House at 12:30 pm

Saturday, April 16

SGM Facilitators, Meeting House at 10:00 am
Voice Class, Sanctuary at 10:00 am
Multi Neighborhood Potluck, East Wing at 5:30 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 at www.uuwestport.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

We are in the third week of [Y]Our Annual Canvass. While we have had an enthusiastic response, and are well on our way to our goals of \$700,000 and full participation, there remains much ground to be covered. Let's all fulfill our commitment to this church, our staff, ministers and to one another. Together we will get there! Thanks to all who have already given! Pledge cards and information brochures are available at the Stewardship table in the foyer. Please see the Pledging link at the top of our website homepage at uuwestport.org for more information on the Canvass and how to make your pledge.

Today: Brother Sun Returns to Voices Café, at 4:30- A special afternoon performance. Child care provided Why is Brother Sun returning to Voices Café for the third time? Because they're THAT GOOD!

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 **sixth of 9** of these programs will be **today following the 11 o'clock** service in the Sanctuary. The full schedule is posted on the Bulletin Board in the foyer and at www.uuwestport.org/aboutus/governance/

Beardsley School: The Grade 5 class at our adopted school is studying American history this year and is planning an exciting field trip to Boston. Please stop by the social justice table to pick up an envelope and help our students make this trip possible.

Grief Support Group: The loss of a loved one is the hardest loss we'll ever face. To help support you through a recent or past loss, the Pastoral Care Ministry is offering a support group on Mondays, beginning April 25th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The group will meet 6 consecutive Mondays (minus Memorial Day) in Rev. John's office. For further information, email or call Pat Francek at patfrancek@gmail.com (203-893-1781) or Janet Luongo at luongo3@optonline.net (203-722-3634).

Spring Clean-up Meeting House & grounds - Saturday, April 30. 9 am-Noon - Start at Meeting House to find out work options and a breakfast snack. Family friendly event and lunch too! RSVP jan@uuwestport.org.



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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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, T. Sandler

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