

## ORDER OF SERVICE

April 16, 2017

9:00 & 11:00 AM

### WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Sudha Sankar, Worship Associate

### INTROIT "Alleluia"

Thomas Benjamin  
Men's & Women's Choirs

### CHALICE LIGHTING

Worship Associate

OPENING WORDS 9:00 Luke Garvey 11:00 Sam Somashekar

\*OPENING HYMN #61 "Lo, the Earth Awakes Again"

### 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 North Star" told by Mary Collins, Lifespan Faith Dev.

CANDLE LIGHTING A time to share a brief **personal** joy or sorrow.  
A Pastoral Care Chaplain will be present at the candle boat after the service.

MEDITATION Rev. John Morehouse

MUSIC "Rise Up Singing" Thompson

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

OFFERING "The Greening Time" 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.

SERMON "Promised to Rise" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

CLOSING HYMN #203 "All Creatures of the Earth and Sky"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Allegro" (Italian Concerto) J.S. Bach

\*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, April 16

Meditation, Elm Room at 10:15 am

Monday, April 17

Bell Choir, East Wing at 6:45 pm

Non Violent Communication Practice, Library at 7:00 pm

Once & Again Folksingers, Sanctuary at 7:45 pm

Tuesday, April 18

Board of Trustees, East Wing at 7:00 pm

Men's Choir at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 19

Worship Dance Rehearsal, Sanctuary at 5:30 pm

Buddhist Practice Group, Meeting House at 7:00 pm

Chamber Choir at 7:45 pm

Thursday, April 20

Views of the Afterlife, East Wing 10:30 am

Youth Choir at 5:00 pm

Teen Choir at 6:00 pm

Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, April 21

Shawl Ministry, Meeting House at 12:30 pm

Saturday, April 22

Fairfield Indivisible Planning Meeting, East Wing at 9:30am

**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

**Today is the last day for early bird registration** for our Annual Retreat at Camp Jewell May 19-21 Don't wait! Sign up in the foyer.

**Our Annual Budget Drive Has Started!** If you have not already pledged for the upcoming church year (July 2017-June 2018) please make a pledge today. Stop out at the Stewardship Table after the service. Our goal is 100% participation from members and friends!

**Views of the Afterlife:** This series of classes taught by Rev. John Morehouse will explore the various religious and secular views of the afterlife. Topics will include heaven, Native American traditions and other views from East to West. Class runs each Thursday in April from 10.30-11.30 am in the East Wing

**UU Movie Group selections for April** are: *The Sense of an Ending*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *The ZooKeeper's Wife*. We will meet on April 28 at 7.30, at the Meeting House. Any questions please contact Lorna Donnelly at [ld06824@gmail.com](mailto:ld06824@gmail.com)

**Donations for flowers on Sundays needed** – sign up in foyer or call Jan 203-227-7205 ext: 10 or [Jan@uuwestport.org](mailto:Jan@uuwestport.org). Cost is \$65.

**The People's Climate March in Washington D.C. is April 29th** and WE ARE GOING !! We will depart in the wee hours April 29th, arriving in Washington DC in the morning. We will return that evening at about 11:30 PM. We have reserved a bus and if you would like a seat please sign up now at the social justice table or contact David Vita. For now we are sharing this with those of you in the UU community but soon we will open it up to ensure that we fill the bus. The cost will be between \$100 and \$130 depending on seats sold.

**Community Garden Opportunities** (Bridgeport) April 22, May 6 & June 3 to bring some gardens to life. Join us, all are welcome. For more information & details on where email-Polly [pollyfcromwell@gmail.com](mailto:pollyfcromwell@gmail.com) or Eileen [eileenor@outlook.com](mailto:eileenor@outlook.com)



**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

*In loving memory of my sister,  
Connie Jaeger,  
who loved Easter.*

# The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers 9:00: M. Garvey, M. Constable, R. Balmer

Ushers 11:00: N. McKeever, E. Rockman-Blake, J. Turmelle, R. Sankar

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