

ORDER OF SERVICE

April 2, 2017

9:00 & 11:00 AM

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Carrie McEvoy, Worship Associate

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

PRELUDE "Largo"

Cheryl Dixon Paul, flute

G.F. Handel

CHALICE LIGHTING

Worship Associate

OPENING WORDS

9:00 Anne Khanna, 11:00 Matthew Leonard

*OPENING HYMN #347 "Gather the Spirit"

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.

VISITING STEWARDS COMMISSIONING

STORY "The Worth of Cherry Blossoms" a Buddhist tale

Mary Collins, Lifespan Faith Development

EXIT SONG

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

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 9:00 "I Am Only One"

9:00 Women's Choir; 11:00 Men's Choir

E.E. Hale/Thompson

SERMON "Giving It Away"

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING 9:00 "Alleluia"

Cheryl Dixon Paul & Betsey Miller, flutes

Telemann

11:00 "The Great Spirit of Love" Tony Jones/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 #168 "One More Step"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Giving and Receiving"

Thompson

*For the friendship that we bring to the stranger and the friend
Giving and receiving here, a blessing without end.*

*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.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Today, April 2

Meditation, Elm Room at 10:15 am

Soup sales after both services

Immigration & Refugee Committee, Sanctuary at 12:30 pm

Youth Group, Youth Room at 6:00 pm

Monday, April 3

Bell Choir, East Wing at 6:45 pm

Once & Again Folksingers at 7:45 pm

Tuesday, April 4

Lifespan Dev. Council, Fellowship Room at 7:00 pm

Martin Luther King Reading and discussion, East Wing 7:00 pm

Men's Choir at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 5

Buddhist Practice Group, Meeting House at 7:00 pm

Chamber Choir at 7:45 pm

Thursday, April 6

Views of the Afterlife, East Wing 10:30 am

Youth Choir at 5:00 pm

Parent Group, Library at 5:30 pm

Teen Choir at 6:00 pm

Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, April 7

Shawl Ministry, Meeting House at 12:30 pm

Saturday, April 8

Pastoral Care Chaplains, Meeting House at 1:00 pm

Voices Café at 8:00 pm (doors open at 7:30)

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.

OPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

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

Martin Luther King. It was 49 years ago on Tuesday, April 4 that Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated. We will remember that day with a reading by Rev. John of "Letter from Birmingham Jail" followed by a discussion of its meaning for us today. Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm in the East Wing.

Tuesday, April 4th - 7pm meeting - Parents and Youth are invited to the Lifespan Faith Development meeting to discuss elementary, middle and high school programs for the end of this year and plans for 2017-2018. RSVP to Mary.dre@uuwestport.org.

Views of the Afterlife: This four session class jointly taught by Rev. John Morehouse and Lara Fuchs, our Intern Minister, 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

Parent's Spirit Group: Take ½ an hour for centering yourself yourself Thursday, April 6 at 5:30-6:00pm—and consider the Soul Matters Theme of the Month for April (Transformation). RSVP to mary.dre@uuwestport.org (also to request a link to join virtually)

Voices Café Saturday, April 8 at 8:00pm- Don Henry and Craig Bickhardt are back! Between their Grammy's, Chart Topping Hits and Oscar Winning Movie Songs these gentlemen are masters of their craft. Aa memorable evening of music. Purchase tickets in the foyer.

Last call for donations for Dog & Cat food Can Hunt (vs. an egg hunt) for Easter Sunday. If you would like to contribute cans for CT Humane Society & for fun for our children on Easter morning . Look for a list of items on the Lifespan Faith Development Board today & bring cans to a collection basket in the foyer April 9th.



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 Doris & Tom Bucky
At the bequest of Sally Dimon*

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers 9:00: M.J. Cross, A. Stockton, D. Barrow

Ushers 11:00: L. Peel, T. Croarkin, S. Khadjavi, D. Bell

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