

ORDER OF SERVICE
April 23, 2017
9:00 & 11:00 AM

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Linda Hudson, Worship Associate

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

INTROIT "Come Sunday" Duke Ellington
Talmadge Hill Choir; Rob Silven, Director

CHALICE LIGHTING Worship Associate

OPENING WORDS 9:00 Kevin & Kristen Leddy
11:00 Rene Abdullah

*OPENING HYMN #21 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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 Curious Garden" by P. Brown told by Connie Rockman

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 **briefly** share a personal joy or sorrow.
A Pastoral Care Associate will be present at the candle boat after service.

MEDITATION Lara Fuchs, Intern Minister

MUSIC "Listen to the Hummingbird" Cohen/Silvan

SERMON "The Memory of Trees"
Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING "Rise Up" Andra Day

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 #163 "For the Earth Forever Turning"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "None of Us Are Free" Solomon Burke

Welcome to the Talmadge Hill Choir and their Director, Rob Silvan!
And thanks for singing at both services!

*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 23

Meditation, Elm Room at 10:15 am
Talk Back Session with Rev. John, East Wing at 12:30
Youth Choir Event, Sanctuary at 3:00 pm
Gr. 9 COA, Meeting House at 6:00 pm
Youth Group Meeting, Youth Room at 6:00 pm

Monday, April 24

Finance Committee, Fellowship Room at 6:00 pm
ICT4 Group, Sanctuary at 6:00 pm
Bell Choir, East Wing at 6:45 pm
Non Violent Communication Practice, Library at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 25

Insight Meditation, Meeting House at 7:00 pm
Men's Choir at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 26

Worship Dance Rehearsal, Sanctuary at 5:30 pm
Worship Associates, Rev. John's Office at 7:00 pm
Stewardship, Fellowship Room at 7:15 pm

Thursday, April 27

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 28

UU Movie Discussion, Meeting House at 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 29

Facing the Future, Youth Room at 11:30 am

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 is NOW! 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!

Member Meeting May 7: Be sure to come to this meeting, right after the 11:00am service on May 7, to vote to ordain Lara Fuchs as a UU Minister, and to vote on proposed revisions to our Constitution. Constitution Revision Task Force members will be in the foyer after each service on 4/23 and 4/30 to answer questions.

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

Donations for flowers on Sundays needed – sign up in foyer or call Jan 203-227-7205 ext: 10 or Jan@uuwestport.org. The 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. The cost will be \$100 to \$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 or Eileen 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.*

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers 9:00: M. Webb, J. Cooper, E. Rockman-Blake

Ushers 11:00: M. Money, J. Norman, L. O'Donnell, S. Brennan

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