

ORDER OF SERVICE

April 9, 2017

9:00 & 11:00 AM

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Cheryl Dixon, Worship Associate

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

INTROIT "The Task Is Ours"

The Chamber Choir

Thompson

CHALICE LIGHTING

Worship Associate

OPENING WORDS 9:00 William McEvoy 11:00 Janet Luongo

*OPENING HYMN #104 "Let My People Go"

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.

RESPONSIVE READING #637 "A Litany of Atonement"

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 "Ubi Caritas"

Ola Gjeilo

SERMON "Awakenings"

Lara Fuchs, Intern Minister

SHARE THE PLATE "Bridges"

Handler/Gundell

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 "Building Bridges"

*Building Bridges between our divisions,
I reach out to you, will you reach out to me?
With all of our voices and all of our visions,
Friends, we could make such sweet harmony.*

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Come Pretty Love"

arr. Joan Szymko

*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 9

Meditation, Elm Room at 10:15 am
Soup sales after both services

Monday, April 10

Bell Choir, East Wing at 6:45 pm

Tuesday, April 11

Men's Choir at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 12

Domestic Violence Task Force, East Wing at 12:30 pm
Worship Dance Rehearsal, Sanctuary at 5:30 pm
Stewardship, Fellowship Room at 7:15 pm
Chamber Choir at 7:45 pm

Thursday, April 13

Views of the Afterlife, East Wing 10:30 am
Youth Choir at 5:00 pm
Teen Choir at 6:00 pm
Eliminating Racism, Library at 7:30 pm
Men's & Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Saturday, April 15

Small Group Facilitators, Meeting House at 10:00 am
Facing the Future, Youth Room at 11:30 am
Sermon Workshop for Worship Assoc, Sanctuary at 1:00 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 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 Has Started! 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!

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

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

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. Of course, you are welcome to bring your family and friends. The cost will be between \$100 and \$130 depending on the number of people on the bus.

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.*

FLOWERS

With congratulations to Lara Fuchs on being granted Preliminary Fellowship.

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers 9:00: C. Prescott, C. English, D. Barrow,

Ushers 11:00: D. Jones, T. Sandler, B. Herman, S. Brady

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