


## ORDER OF SERVICE

June 5, 2016

### WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Maria Mendoza Smith, Worship Associate

 INTROIT "Blessed Be" Grace Lewis-McLaren Youth Choir

### CHALICE LIGHTING & SONG

Let there be light to drive away the darkness,  
Let there be wisdom to shine on the unknown,  
Let there be love, to heal our aloneness.  
Let each of us be a light for one another

### OPENING WORDS

Nora Marcus

\* OPENING HYMN "We Are All the Leaves" Buddhist

### STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION Cal Wacker, Dir. Youth Program

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: Two Travelers to Mount Fuji & Volunteer Appreciation  
Rev. John Morehouse & Mary Collins, Dir. Lifespan Faith Development


 MUSIC "Namaste" Thompson

ELEMENTAL WORDS (children help here) Mary Collins  
YOUTH PERSPECTIVE Humza Hasan

 OFFERING "Long Time Sun"

### 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.

 STONES IN WATER (come up center aisle, return side aisles)  
A Pastoral Care Chaplain will be at the Bowl after the service.

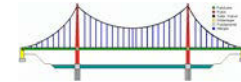
BRIDGING CEREMONY – Invite our Graduating High School Seniors able to be here today to please come up front at this time

### BLESSINGS

Rev. John,  
Congregation: "Our love and blessings are with you always  
Cal Wacker, Youth Program Director

 CHOIR sings "One Brick At A Time"

### CREATION OF THE BRIDGE



### EXTINGUISH CHALICE

Rev. John

### HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS "CROSS THE BRIDGE"

### NOTES FOR TODAY:

\* = Latecomers will be seated at this time.



To create an atmosphere of worship we ask that you refrain from applauding until the end of the service and please put cell phones on silent mode.



There are listening assistive headphones on the back wall of the Sanctuary.



Parents with young children may use our nursery (in the lower level) or sit in the foyer where you can hear the service and they have more room to wiggle.



**Refreshments** following the service are offered by the Lifespan Faith Development Council in appreciation of all who spent time with our children, youth and adults in 2015-2016. Join us in Fellowship Room -just past Foyer, to the right

### NEW? 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 congregation. Please join us after the service for our fellowship refreshment and conversation. More information about this community and our programs can be found at our website [www.uuwestport.org](http://www.uuwestport.org)

## THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

You can also check online at: <http://uuwestport.org/calendar/>

Sunday, June 5: Gr. 4-5 Parent 30 min. OWL Info—Chapel after service, Women's Group Potluck, Meeting House at 11:30 am  
Monday, June 6: Bell Choir, East Wing at 6:45 pm, O&AF, Sanctuary at 7:45 pm  
Tuesday, June 7: Lifespan '16-'17 - Fellowship Room at 7:00 -7:45pm & Parent Group on "Simplicity" 8:00-8:30pm (or online)  
Wednesday, June 8: Domestic Violence Task Force, East Wing 12:30 pm  
Thursday, June 9: Senior Luncheon, East Wing at 12:00pm, Youth Choir at 5:00 pm, Teen Choir at 6:00 pm, Eliminating Racism, Library at 7:00 pm, Special Projects Choir at 7:45 pm  
Friday, June 10: Mark Ewert & Trustees, East Wing at 7:00 pm  
Saturday, June 11: Mark Ewert Assessment Meetings through the day, Neighborhood Facilitators, Library at 11:30 am  
Pastoral Care Associates, Meeting House at 3:30 pm  
Voices Café, Sanctuary at 8:00 pm, Doors Open at 7:30 pm

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

**Voices Café Sat., June 11 at 8:00pm-** GIRSA, all-female Traditional Irish music band has captured the hearts of audiences everywhere with their melodious voices, electrifying musicianship and witty banter. Their energetic and enthusiastic performances have been met with outstanding acclaim. Tickets on sale today in the church foyer.

**Please help us fill the Beardsley Summer Care Bags.** Beardsley students who are in the greatest need over the summer receive a Summer Care Bag which includes food, toys, and personal care items. Please look in Soundings and on the social justice table in the foyer for items to donate. We will be collecting through June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**The women of Mercy Learning Center** are very grateful for our regular contributions of diapers. Diapers are expensive so it makes a huge difference for these families who are living in poverty. Let's keep the supply coming! Look for a list of the items needed on the Social Justice Table.

**The Small Group Ministry** has 122 members in 15 groups that meet once a month for two hours to discuss a topic. The topic for June is "Simplicity." Groups meet on different days and at different locations. Join a group near you! For info talk to a representative in the foyer after the service or contact Steven Rosenberg: [Rosen323@aol.com](mailto:Rosen323@aol.com).

## LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Including the BRIDGING CEREMONY ~ JUNE 5, 2016

ELEMENTAL WORDS FROM OUR JOURNEY THIS YEAR:



**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

10 Lyons Plains Road, Westport, CT 06880, 227-7205 [www.uuwestport.org](http://www.uuwestport.org)  
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

**2015-2016 LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT  
(formerly RE) MINISTRY:**

**LFD Council:** *Chair:* Dan Marcus,  
*Elementary Circle:* Michelle Fleisher, *Youth Circle:* CoA - Jerusha Vogel, *Teacher Support:* Mary Ellen Keenan,  
*Adult Ed Circle:* Kathleen Kraemer, *Connections Circle:* Polly Cromwell

**63 Volunteer in Groups by Grade**

**Pre-K:** Melissa Balmer, Alex Gormley, Noelle Newell, Kate Tarrant  
Substitutes: Kate Croarkin, Casey Keenan, Dawn Kerr, Allen Marks, Morgan Leddy, Susan Sherman (10)

**K-3 :** Marcia Aliberti, Kim Farber, Michelle Fleisher, Ellie Grosso, Abby Hartley, Becky Lai, Wendy McCaffery, Melinda McMillan, Devin Pucci, Connie Rockman, Christine Yang and Hindu classes: Ravi Sankar, substitutes: Eileen O'Reilly, Lily Williams (14)

**4-5:** Adam Fleisher, Jennifer Gerometta, Abby Klemmer, Miki Lasher, Dan Marcus & substitutes: Christina Frei, Kathy Roberts, Gian Morresi, , Kristen Leavitt (9)

**6-7:**, Brian Lasher, Chris Seiple, Gina Troisi (Art Specialist Janet Luongo, NVC specialist: Lynn Whitton, History & Social Actions: Jamie Forbes, substitutes: Maggie Blau, Michael Foley (8)

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**8<sup>th</sup> Coming of Age Trip Coordinator:** Jerusha Vogel (+ teaching classes too) chaperone: Ann Marie Beurle, Classes: Rev. Marti Bishop, Scott Williams, sub. Linda Hudson (5)

**9-12<sup>th</sup> Youth Group Advisors:** Randy Burnham, Carrie McEvoy, Arnela Ten Meer, Betsy Wacker (4)

**1 Youth Volunteer to Youth Program Director's Assistant:** Nicole Khanna

**Theme Day specialists:** Dance & Movement: Barbara Webster, Clay: Betsy Beach, Music: Eric Gribin & Tom Hearne, Face painting: Kareen & Monica Garrison, Partner Church guests: Cheryl Paul, Lindy Thompson (9)



**The Ministry continues in 2016-2017**

*Teams, Training, Materials, Support!*

**Circle a MINISTRY that interests you & Drop into offering plate or Bring to Mary Collins' Mailbox or Office**

**Pre-K Assistant** 9am or 11am, Fall or Spring

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*(6-7 -We have a full team for Neighboring Faiths!)*

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**9-12<sup>th</sup> Youth** – Sunday 1-3pm (Fall trial time or Spring ) or Chaperone, driver options

**Adult Programming Facilitator**

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~ Elizabeth Cady Stanton



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LFD Assistant: Rayquiner Hills

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