

ORDER OF SERVICE
September 20, 2015

PRELUDE "Return Again" Carlbach
9:00 Men's Choir, 11:00 Women's Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHALICE LIGHTING 9:00 Mary Ellen Keenan, Teacher Support
11:00 Dan Marcus, Rel. Ed. Council Chair

OPENING WORDS Martha Constable, Worship Associate

OPENING HYMN #215 "Praise to the Living God"

AFFIRMATION (see cover)

RE TEACHER COMMISSIONING Rev. John & Mary Collins, DRE
Children & Teachers to Classrooms Hymn #413

LITANY FOR ATONEMENT (see insert)

CANDLELIGHTING A time to share a brief personal joy or sorrow.
A Pastoral Care Associate will be present at the candle boat after service

SPOKEN MEDITATION

MUSIC "Hashivenu" John Leavitt

SERMON "The Promise of Forgiveness" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING "Vihudah" Hebrew Folk Song

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 "O Source of All Goodness" (see insert)

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Hiney Ma Tov" Naplan

*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.
To create an atmosphere of worship we ask that you refrain from applauding
until the end of the service and turn off all cell phones and beepers
There are listening assistive headphones on the back wall of the Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Today, September 20
Intro to Money & Spirit Adult Ed, East Wing at 10:15 am
OWL Parents Meeting, Chapel at 12:30 pm
Board of Trustees Retreat, Meeting House at 12:30 pm
Monday, September 21
O&AF at 7:45 pm
Tuesday, September 22
Men's Choir at 8:00 pm
Wednesday, September 23
Committee on Ministry, Meeting House at 7:30 pm
Thursday, September 24
Youth Choir at 5:00 pm
Teen Choir at 6:00 pm
Finance Committee, Dorothy's Office at 6:00 pm
Women's Choir at 7:45 pm
Friday, September 25
Shawl Ministry, Meeting House at 12:30 pm
UU Movie Discussion, Meeting House at 7:30 pm
Saturday, September 26
Youth Group Cluster Conference, Church Building at 1:00 pm-
8:30 am on Sunday morning.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Info session for Money & Spirit, a new Adult Ed offering presented by Rosemary Williams, author, financial advisor and global economic empowerment activist. Money and money are not mutually exclusive. Find out more about the courses today in the East Wing at 10:15 am.

Adult Education - sign up for upcoming classes on Realm or at adulted@uuwestport.org

The YRSC is holding a one-time 'Welcome Y[Our] New Minister' Pledge Drive. If you have not as yet pledged for 2015-16, please do it now! Pledge Cards are in the lobby. If you have pledged all you can, please know how grateful we are for your support!!! If you can afford a little more, please consider upping your pledge. *There is NO better way you can spend an additional \$5, \$10, \$15 per week. (Or more)*

Please help a student at Beardsley Elementary School in Bridgeport stay on track by buying him /her three pencils to last the year. Helping is simple: Just drop a dollar in the Beardsley bucket after services and we'll move the pencils. The cost is just a dollar; the rewards are priceless.

Fairfield Neighborhood Circle Potluck: join us as we re-group after a long summer. We are Fairfield residents, UU members and people who want to make new friends. Bring a dish to share next Sun, Sept. 27 at 12:30 pm outside on the picnic tables or in the East Wing if it's raining.

Celebrate a special person or event in your life! For more information about contributing flowers for a Sunday service please call Jan in the church office (203)227-7205 ex: 10 or sign up in the Flower Book. The cost is \$65 and we will take care of all the details!.



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.*

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.*

FLOWERS

*In memory of Roy Fine (1922-2015).
A long-time member of this congregation.*

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers 9:00: S. Kadison, M.J. Cross, E. Rockman-Blake, M. Webb
Ushers 11:00: P. Yonkers, J. Turmelle, K. Leddy
Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister
Rev. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music
Rev. Debra Haffner, Endorsed Community Minister

Mary Collins, Director Religious Education; Cal Wacker, Youth Programs
David Vita, Director Social Justice and Membership