

ORDER OF SERVICE
March 13, 2016

WELCOME & "Opportunities for Growth" Maria Mendoza-Smith,
Worship Associate

INTROIT "Steal Away" Traditional Spiritual
Michael Costantino, baritone

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS

*OPENING HYMN #123 "Spirit of Life"

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 Dog and the Heartless King" told by Mary Collins

EXIT SONG Go now in peace, go now in peace,
May the love of God surround you everywhere you may go.

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

MEDITATION

MUSIC "O Tod" Ecclesiastes/Brahms

SERMON "LiberatingTheology" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

SHARE THE PLATE "The More Loving One" Auden/Rorem

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 #318 "We Would Be One"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Free" Stephen Sondheim

*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, March 13

Soup and Bake Sale after both services
6-8 gr. Parents Meeting, Chapel at 10:15 am
Spiritual Practices Kickoff, East Wing at 10:15 am
Immigration Social Action, East Wing at 12:30 pm

Monday, March 14

Endowment, Fellowship Room at 6:30 pm
NVC Practice, East Wing at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 15

Board of Trustees, East Wing at 6:30 pm
Men's Choir, Meeting House at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, March 16

Stewardship, Fellowship Room at 7:15 pm
Chamber Choir, Meeting House at 7:45 pm

Thursday, March 17

Youth Choir at 5:00 pm
Teen Choir at 6:00 pm
Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, March 18

Shawl Ministry, Meeting House at 12:30 pm
Twelve Angry Jurors Performance, Sanctuary at 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 19

Small Group Facilitators, Meeting House at 10:00 am
Memoir Writing Adult Ed, Youth Room at 10:00 am
Constitution Revision Info Session, Library at 10:30 am
PCA Training, Meeting House at 12:00 pm
Twelve Angry Jurors Performance, Sanctuary at 8:00 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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Soup and baked goods for sale today in foyer after both services.

Between Services - Kick-off for 21 Days of Spiritual Practice for All Ages - East Wing - bring your ideas for spiritual practice. Liberate the barriers, Share your experiences. for Information: contact Kathleen Kraemer kathleendey@gmail.com

"Twelve Angry Jurors," the play that inspired Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to pursue a career in the law, will be presented in our sanctuary Friday and Saturday March 18 and 19 at 8:00 PM, and Sunday March 20 at 3:00 PM. Suggested donation \$20.

The Constitution Revision Task Force is holding Information Sessions for you to learn about the changes being proposed to our Constitution, ask questions, and provide input. The second of 9 of these programs will be Saturday, March 19 at 10:30 AM in the Library. The full schedule is posted on the Bulletin Board in the foyer and at www.uuwestport.org/aboutus/governance/

NLDC is putting together the slate of candidates for the June Annual Meeting for the following elected committees: Board of Trustees, Committee on Ministries, Endowment and NLDC. Please contact any NLDC member with nomination(s), including self-nominations. More information will be included in Soundings, or contact NLDC Chair, Carol Seiple at carol_seiple@yahoo.com.

Seeking Creative, Funny people - Help create Multi-age opportunities to explore the theme of Creation in the lower level. April 3 (Create Humor /clowning- contact) and / or April 17th (Creation ART): email: mary.dre@uuwestport.org

Donations of canned Dog & Cat food for the Westport Humane Society are being collected in the "Cat-Dog" Basket" by the stairs in the foyer during Sundays in March.



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.*

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The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers at 9:00 C. Brennan, S. Brennan, M. Allen

Ushers at 11:00 T. Croarkin, D. Jones, S. Brady, T. Sandler

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