

ORDER OF SERVICE
March 27, 2016

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH Linda Hudson,
Worship Associate

TESTIMONIAL 9:00 Rene Abdalah; 11:00 Anne Khanna

INTROIT "Estampie for Easter" Thompson
Joshua Kaye, violin; Michael Larocca, percussion
Men's and Women's Choirs combined

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS

*OPENING HYMN #61 "Lo, the Earth Awakes Again"

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 Easter Story" told by Mary Collins

READING Rev. Frank Hall

MUSIC "Rise Up My Love" Song of Songs/Thompson

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

OFFERING "The Greening Time" Thompson

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.

K-5th graders proceed to lower level for holiday activities

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

SERMON "Rolling Away the Stone" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

CLOSING HYMN #203 "All Creatures of the Earth and Sky"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Sonata in A" (Allegro) George Frideric Handel
Joshua Kaye, violin

*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 the Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Today, March 27

21 Days Spiritual Practices check-in, East Wing at 10:15 am
Voices Café Committee, Library at 12:30 pm

Monday, March 28

NLDC, Library at 5:15 pm
NVC Practice, East Wing at 7:00 pm
Stewardship, Fellowship Room at 7:15 pm

Tuesday, March 29

Tai Chi, East Wing at 11:00 am
Men's Choir, Sanctuary at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, March 30

Eliminating Racism, Library at 12:30 pm
Soundings Mailing, Fellowship Room at 1:00 pm
Stewardship, Fellowship Room at 7:15 pm
Chamber Choir, Sanctuary at 7:45 pm

Thursday, March 31

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

Friday, April 1

Shawl Ministry, Meeting House at 12:30 pm
Incoming 8-12 Gr Parent Meeting, Sanctuary at 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 2

Sightsinging at 9:00 am
Newcomer Orientation, 9:00 am in East Wing
Memoir Writing Workshop, Meeting House at 10:30 am
Neighborhood Facilitator Meeting, Library at 10:30 pm
A Night of Magical Living & Potluck, Sanctuary at 5:00 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. Please join us after the service for our Fellowship Coffee Hour for refreshment and conversation. More information can be found at www.uuwestport.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

PLEASE PLEDGE TODAY!

[Y]Our **Annual Canvass** kicked off last Sunday and runs through April 17th. We have had a very good initial response. **THANKS** to all who have already given! Our goal this year is **FULL PARTICIPATION** and **\$700,000**. Pledge cards and information brochures are available at the Stewardship table in the Foyer. Keep an eye on the Canvass Thermometer for our progress! Please see the Pledging link at the top of our website homepage at uuwestport.org for more information.

A Night of Living Magically -- all are invited Saturday, April 2, from 5-8 for a family friendly celebration that will include food, drinks (wine, beer, soft drinks provided), sing-alongs with Ed Thompson, a magician (Bobert the Great!), musical performances (come find out by whom) and a raffle & auction led by Rev John. RSVP to tucwrsvp@gmail.com. The food portion is a potluck. *A-F: Appetizer or Salad // G-S Entree // T-Z Dessert*

Brother Sun Returns to Voices Café, Sunday, April 10 at 4:30- A special afternoon performance. Child care provided! Brother Sun returning to Voices Café for the third time? Why? The answer is simple...because they're JUST THAT GOOD! Purchase tickets here: <http://voicescafe.org/show/brother-sun/>

Newcomer Orientation Saturday, April 2 from 9:00-2:30- Sharing journey stories, UU history and 7 Principles with Rev. John, questions, discussion. Light breakfast and lunch included. RSVP David Vita at david@uuwestport.org or 203.227.7205 x14

Faith Development Planning Meeting for Gr. Pre-K-12 on Tuesday, April 5 from 7-8:30 in the Fellowship Room to consider programming.

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 fifth of 9 of these programs will be Wednesday, April 6 at 7 PM in the Fellowship (coffee) Room. The full schedule is posted on the Bulletin Board in the foyer and at www.uuwestport.org/aboutus/governance/



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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FLOWERS

*In loving memory of our mothers
Evelyn Holland Polmar and
Florence Lillian Koppelman
Given by Suzanne & Stephen Polmar*

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers at 9:00 J. Cooper, M. Webb, E. Rockman Blake, L Peel
Ushers at 11:00 M. Money, N. McKeever, G. Newell
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