

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**March 6, 2016**

INTROIT "If Ye Love Me" Tallis  
Chamber Choir

WELCOME & "Opportunities for Growth" Cheryl Dixon Paul  
Worship Associate

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS Lara Fuchs

\*OPENING HYMN #115 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

**STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION**

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.  
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to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

STORY "Sunny Side Mary" 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.

COMMISSIONING of Small Group Ministry Facilitators  
Rev. John Morehouse

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.

**SILENT AND SPOKEN MEDITATION**

MUSIC "Hold On to What Is Good" Len Handler

SERMON "Liberation" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING "I Am Loved As I Love" Shaker, arr. Douma

**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 #287 "Faith of the Larger Liberty"

**CLOSING WORDS**

POSTLUDE "The Spirit of Life" Thompson

\*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 6

Soup Sale after both services  
Town Hall Meeting, East Wing at 10:15 am  
Teen Youth Group Parents Meeting, Chapel at 10:15 am  
NLDC, Library at 10:30 pm  
Town Hall Meeting, Sanctuary at 12:30 pm  
Gr. 8 parents, Chapel at 12:30 pm  
Youth Group Business Meeting, East Wing at 12:15 pm  
Gr 9 COA, Meeting House at 12:30 pm

Monday, March 7

Bell Choir, East Wing at 6:45 pm  
O&AF Rehearsal, Sanctuary at 7:45 pm

Tuesday, March 8

Men's Choir at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, March 9

Domestic Violence Task Force, East Wing at 12:30 pm  
Constitution Revisions, Library at 7:00 pm  
Worship Associates, Rev. John's office at 7:00 pm  
Endowment, Dorothy Adams office at 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 10

Youth Choir at 5:00 pm  
Teen Choir at 6:00 pm  
NLDC, Library at 6:00 pm  
COM, Meeting House at 7:30 pm  
Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Saturday, March 11

Stewardship Training, Sanctuary at 9:00 am  
Memoir Writing Adult Ed, Meeting House at 10:00 am  
Voice Class, Sanctuary at 12:00 pm  
Pastoral Care Associates, Meeting House at 1:00 am  
Voices Café – John Gorka, Sanctuary at 8:00 (doors open 7:30)

**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](http://www.uuwestport.org).

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

**Soup for sale today** after both services. Delicious & nutritious!

**Your Committee on Ministry** will be holding a Town Hall Meeting today immediately after both services in the sanctuary. Come and learn all there is to know about the COM--Why do we have a Committee on Ministry? What does it do? Why is it necessary? Join us for conversation, questions, and answers.

**Family Recycle and Swap** (Abundance Fair) today after the 11:00 service in the downstairs foyer near the Chapel.

**The Constitution Revision Task Force** will be holding Information Sessions for all members to learn about the changes being proposed to our congregation's Constitution to provide members with the rationale behind revisions and allow for Q&A time. The first of 9 of these programs will be Wednesday, March 9 at 7 PM in the Library. Full schedule is posted on the foyer bulletin board and [www.uuwestport.org/aboutus/governance/](http://www.uuwestport.org/aboutus/governance/)

**John Gorka at Voices Café, Sat., March 12** tickets on sale today in the foyer. "Gorka is widely heralded for the sophisticated intelligence and provocative originality of his songs."- *Boston Globe*

**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](mailto:carol_seiple@yahoo.com).

**The Small Group Ministry** has 122 members in 15 Groups that meet once a month to discuss a topic. This month's topic is "Personal Liberation." A member of the facilitation team will be available after the service. For info: Steven Rosenberg @ [Rosen323@aol.com](mailto:Rosen323@aol.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.*

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### FLOWERS

*Jack, Johnny & Mark Miller –  
Thank you for your creativity, love, and laughter.  
You are missed and always in our hearts.  
From the women who loved them*

## The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers at 9:00 A. Stockton, B. Stuck

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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