

ORDER OF SERVICE

April 17, 2016

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH Martha Constable,
Worship Associate

TESTIMONIAL 9:00 Morgan Leddy; 11:00 Ellie Grosso

INTROIT "For the Beauty of the Earth" Ann Diers/Rutter
9:00 Men's Choir; 11:00 Women's Choir

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS

*OPENING HYMN "Blue Boat Home" (see insert)

STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION

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to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

STORY "Creation from the Dream Time" (Aboriginal)
told by Mary Collins

EXIT SONG Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of
God surround you, everywhere, 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 9:00 "Light One Candle" Thompson
11:00 "Greeting to Spring" Schumann

SERMON "Enter the Greening Temple" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING "One World Poem" Mary Oliver/Thompson
Keith Johnston, trombone

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 #163 "For the Earth Forever Turning"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "Turn the World Around" Bellefonte

*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, April 17

Fairfield Circle Potluck, Meeting House at 12:30 pm
Memorial Service for Sue Senie, Sanctuary at 3:00 pm

Monday, April 18

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

Tuesday, April 19

Tai Chi, East Wing at 11:00 am
Board of Trustees, East Wing at 6:30 pm
Men's Choir, Sanctuary at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 20

Chamber Choir, Sanctuary at 7:45 pm

Thursday, April 21

Youth Choir at 5:00 pm
Teen Choir in Fellowship Room at 6:00 pm
Constitution Revision Info Session, East Wing at 7:00 pm
Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, April 22

Gr. 8 COA Boston Trip
Soundings Deadline at 12:00 noon
Gr. 9 COA, Foyer & Fellowship Room at 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 23

Gr. 8 COA Boston Trip
Youth Group Beach Clean-up & Lock-in

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 at www.uuwestport.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

We are in the fourth week of [Y]Our Annual Canvass. While we have had an enthusiastic response, and are well on our way to our goals of \$700,000 and full participation, there remains much ground to be covered. Let's all fulfill our commitment to this church, our staff, ministers and to one another. Together we will get there! Thanks to all who have already given! Pledge cards and information brochures are available at the Stewardship table in the foyer. Please see the Pledging link at the top of our website homepage at uuwestport.org for more info

There will be a memorial service for Sue Senie today at 3:00 pm. All are invited to celebrate Sue's life and to attend the reception afterward.

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 seventh of 9 of these programs will be Thursday, April 21 at 7 PM in the East Wing. The schedule full is in the foyer or at www.uuwestport.org/aboutus/governance/

Beardsley School: The Grade 5 class at our adopted school is studying American history this year and is planning an exciting field trip to Boston. Please stop by the social justice table to pick up an envelope and help our students make this trip possible.

Grief Support Group: The loss of a loved one is the hardest loss we'll ever face. To help support you the Pastoral Care Ministry is offering a support group on Mondays, beginning April 25th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. We will meet 6 consecutive Mondays (minus Memorial Day) in Rev. John's office. For further information, Pat Francek patfrancek@gmail.com (203-893-1781) or Janet Luongo juongo3@optonline.net (203-722-3634).

Spring Clean-up Meeting House & grounds - Sat, April 30. 9 am-Noon. Start at Meeting House to find out work options and a breakfast snack. Family friendly event and lunch too! RSVP jan@uuwestport.org.

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 or sign up in the Flower Book. All Sundays are available, 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.*

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FLOWERS

*In memory of Susan G. Senie
from her loving family and friends.*

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers at 9:00 S. Kadison, M. Constable, C. Frei

Ushers at 11:00 P. Yonkers, J. Turmelle, K. Leddy, R. Sankar

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