

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**August 14, 2016**

GATHERING MUSIC Patti O'Meara, Pianist

RINGING OF THE GONG

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH  
Connie Rockman, Worship Associate

OPENING WORDS by Maya Angelou Jennifer Munro

CHALICE LIGHTING (to be read responsively) Connie Rockman  
We light this chalice  
*to help us move from untruth to truth*  
to help us move from ignorance to wisdom,  
*to help us move from animosity to love,*  
to help us move from bondage to freedom.  
*We rededicate ourselves before this light*  
*to affirm and practice truth, wisdom, love, and freedom*  
*today and in the days to come.*  
Upanishads, Adapted

\*OPENING HYMN # 347 "Gather the Spirit"

STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION

CANDLELIGHTING Marie-Claire Bue, Pastoral Care Chaplain

MORNING OFFERING

MUSICAL DUET "Hard Times" Stephen Foster  
Sung by Tom Hearne and Berta Russell

REFLECTION "Mr. Dickens, Social Activist" Jennifer Munro

RESPONSIVE READING #588 Jennifer Munro

CLOSING HYMN #121 "We'll Build a Land"

CLOSING WORDS/EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE  
words by Maya Angelou

POSTLUDE Patti O'Meara

\*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.

Very special thanks to our guest speaker today. A native of Great Britain, Jennifer Munro is a retired eighth grade English teacher, a professional storyteller, and a published author. Her book, *Aunty Lily and other delightfully perverse stories* – a collection of wickedly funny and often poignant tales of Jen's English childhood – was recently published by Parkhurst Brothers. Jen and her husband Eric are active members of the Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Society in Madison, CT, where this service was conceived in 2013 in conjunction with the Rev. Claudia Elferdink.

Summer services are planned by the Worship Associates, in consultation with our senior minister, Rev. John Morehouse. Special thanks to Patti O'Meara for providing music during our summer months, and for Tom Hearne and Berta Russell for adding their voices to today's theme.

"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

Antoine de St. Exupery  
*The Little Prince*

**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

**Sat. Aug. 27 - 1:00 pm - Youth Group Kick-off** (things to know about YG this fall for Parents & Youth) followed by a Youth Lock-In. Contact Cal Wacker [cal@uuwestport.org](mailto:cal@uuwestport.org) for details and permission form.

**Volunteer Fair** – where all the committees show off their good work – co-sponsored by NLDC, Membership and Year Round Stewardship. Right after the homecoming service, Sunday, September 11. Stop by after the service and learn about the amazing work of our committees/groups and all the opportunities for service and fellowship that are available.

**Pastoral Care** – If you are going through a challenging time or know someone in the congregation who needs support from our Pastoral Care Chaplains, call to leave a confidential message in the PAC voice mailbox (203-227-7205 ext. 19) or email [pca@uuwestport.org](mailto:pca@uuwestport.org)



**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.*

*In high circles we see everything but the heart, and learn everything but the real character. We must go to the hovels of the poor and unfortunate where trial brings out the character.*

Charles Dickens

**Speaker:** Jennifer Munro  
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Chaplain: Marie-Claire Bue  
Pianist: Patti O'Meara

## The Unitarian Church in Westport

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