

ORDER OF SERVICE
September 25, 2016 at 9:00 & 11:00 am

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH Linda Hudson
Worship Associate

INTROIT 9:00 "I Would Be True" Mendelssohn
Women's Choir
11:00 "I Would Be True" Irish Traditional
Men's Choir

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS

*OPENING SONG

Building bridges between our divisions,
I reach out to you, will you reach out to me?
With all of our voices and all of our visions,
Friends, we could make such sweet harmony.

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 "Old Joe & the Carpenter" Mary Collins, Lifespan Director

EXIT SONG

*Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love
of God surround you, everywhere, everywhere you may go.*

COMMISSIONING OF INTERN MINISTER & COMMITTEE

SERMON 1 "And Service Its Law" Lara Fuchs, Intern Minister

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 "The Caretakers" Thompson
11:00 God Who Fills the Universe" Seaburg

SERMON 2 "And Service Its Law" Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse
Senior Minister

OFFERING 9:00 "Keep the Circle Whole" Thompson
11:00 "I Am Only One"

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 # 146 "Soon the Day Will Arrive"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "I'm Gonna Live so Spirit Can Use Me" 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.
There are listening assistive headphones on the back wall of Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Today, September 25

Meditation Practice, Elm Room at 10:15 am
Voices Café Committee, East Wing at 12:30 pm
Dance Rehearsal, Sanctuary at 2:00 pm
Youth Group, Youth Room at 7:00 pm

Monday, September 26

Bell Choir, East Wing at 6:45 pm
NVC Practice, Library at 7:00 pm
O&AF Rehearsal at 7:45 pm

Tuesday, September 27

Women's Group Potluck & Film, Meeting House at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 28

Soundings Mailing, Fellowship Room at 1:00 pm
Worship Associates, Rev. John's Office at 7:00 pm
Eliminating Racism, Library at 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 29

Gentle Yoga, East Wing at 10:30 am
Youth Choir at 5:00 pm
Teen Choir at 6:00 pm
Finance Committee, Fellowship Room at 6:00 pm
Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, September 30

Shawl Ministry, Meeting House at 12:30 pm
UU Movie Discussion, Meeting House at 7:30 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.

OPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Today is the last day to pick up your free tickets to the Threads of Light Concert. The Music Committee is distributing them in the foyer after each service. It takes place next Saturday, October 1st, at 7:30 in the Norwalk Concert Hall. Our very own Special Projects Choir will participate along with other choirs, soloists and instrumentalists.

The Small Group Ministry has 114 members in 14 groups that meet once a month to discuss a topic. The topic for October is "Healing." Groups meet on different days and at different locations. Join a group near you! For information talk to a representative in the foyer after each service or contact Marie-Claire Bue (mclaireb@optonline.net)

Meditation Spiritual Practice today between services 10:15-10:45 am.

Gentle Yoga 8 week series starting Thursdays - Sept. 29 from 10:30-11:45 am, \$10each/per class. Contact & RSVP to szan@optonline.net

Join the "A TEAM" and help set-up apartments for arriving refugee families. Sign-up today at the social justice table in the church foyer or see David Vita for more information.

Voices Café Committee is meeting today at 12:30 in the East Wing. Come and join us! Let's make music, build community, and support social justice together!

Compassionate Communication/Non-Violent Communication Seminar Sunday, October 2 from 12:30-4:00 at the Meeting House. For more information contact Lynn Whitton: whittoninc@att.net or sign up at the social justice table in the church foyer.

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 (203)227-7205 ex: 10 or sign up in the Flower Book. 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.*

FLOWERS

*Welcome to our ministerial intern, Lara Fuchs!
Donated by Linda Hudson & Randy Burnham*

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers 9:00: M. Webb, J. Cooper, E. Rockman-Blake
Ushers 11:00: M. Money, N. McKeever, G. Newell
Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music
Rev. Frank A. Hall, Minister Emeritus
Lara Fuchs, Intern Minister

Mary Collins, Lifespan Faith Development; Cal Wacker, Youth Programs
David Vita, Director Social Justice and Membership