

ORDER OF SERVICE
January 1, 2017

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH
Connie Rockman, Worship Associate

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

PRELUDE "Prelude in E" J.S. Bach

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS

*OPENING HYMN #350 "The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time"

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 Lara Fuchs, Intern Minister

CANDLE LIGHTING A time to share a brief personal joy or sorrow.
A Pastoral Care Chaplain will be present at the candle boat after the service

MEDITATION Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

MUSIC "A New Year" Michael Ochs

SERMON "Where Is the Promised Land" Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING "Ring Out Wild Bells" Tennyson/Antiphoner

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 # 145 "As Tranquil Streams"

CLOSING WORDS

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE "John Ryan's Melody" Traditional
Duncan Vogel, 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 Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Today, January 1
No LFD Classes except Pre-K
Monday, January 2
O&AF Rehearsal at 7:45 pm
Tuesday, January 3
NLDC, Fellowship Room at 6:00 pm
LFD Whole Council, East Wing at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 4
Leadership Dev Task Force, Library at 12:30 pm
Chamber Choir Rehearsal at 7:45 pm
Thursday, January 5
Youth Choir at 5:00 pm
Teen Choir at 6:00 pm
Women's Choir at 7:45 pm
Friday, January 6
LFD Teacher's Meeting, Meeting House at 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 24
Sight-singing Class, Sanctuary at 9:30 pm
Inspiration Committee, Library at 10:00 am
Voice Class, Sanctuary at 11:00 am
Worship Associate Training, Sanctuary at 2:00 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 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

The Small Group Ministry has 108 members in 13 groups that meet monthly to discuss a topic. Join a group near you! Talk to a "SGM" rep. in the foyer after services or email Steve at Rosen323@aol.com

New: Facing the Future Support Group, hosted by the Pastoral Care Committee, will meet on Sun. Jan. 8 at 12:30 pm in the Youth Group Room, downstairs in the Meeting House. It is open to all.

Youth Group (9-12th gr) will continue meeting regularly on Sun. evenings from 6:00-8:00pm in the Youth Room at the Meeting House.

January Book Discussions - start reading now:

ALL Church Read: Waking Up White by Debbie Irving (we have a limited of books on order – contact Ray@uuwestport.org) Jan.

29th Discussion Leader: Rev. John Morehouse

We Are Called to Rise by Laura McBride - a topical book of fiction
Jan. 22nd Discussion Leader: Kathy Kurzatkowski, Adult Program chair and teacher at Norwalk C.C.

Women's March-Washington D.C.-Jan. 21, 2017 – So many people want to go we now have **A SECOND BUS!** Go to <https://www.letskedaddle.com/events/6734> and use access code: 86e147c3e84. The cost will be \$100 or less. We depart from the Church parking lot at 1:30 AM on Jan.21st and return that night. Please sign up now. Contact David Vita for more information.



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.*

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers: L. Peel, J. Glasser-Orenstein, S. Khadjavi, D. Bell

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