

ORDER OF SERVICE
February 5, 2017

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH Cheryl Paul
Worship Associate

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

INTROIT "Bright Morning Stars" American Folk Song
Chamber Choir

CHALICE LIGHTING

*Flaming chalice burning bright, now you share with us your light.
May we always learn to share with all people everywhere.*

OPENING WORDS Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

*OPENING HYMN #1040 "Hush" (see insert)

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 "A Love Like That," based on a poem by Hafiz
Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael

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 Chaplain will be present at the candle boat after the service

PRAYER, READING: "Hope Rises" by J. Buehrens and R. Parker
Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael

MUSIC "I Dream a World" Langston Hughes/Andre Thomas

SERMON "Hope Heals" Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael

OFFERING "Sure on This Shining Night" Morten Lauridsen

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 #126 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CLOSING WORDS Rev. Anya and Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE "Te Quiero" Alberto Favero

*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.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Today, February 5

Meditation, Elm Room at 10:15 am & 12:30 pm
Nominating Committee, East Wing at 10:15 am
Immigration and Refugee Committee, Sanctuary at 12:30 pm
Facing the Future Support Group, Youth Room at 12:30 pm
Board of Trustees Retreat, East Wing at 12:30 pm
Parent's Class with Rev. John, Chapel at 12:30 pm
Youth Group, Youth Room at 6:00 pm

Monday, February 6

Bell Choir, East Wing at 6:45 pm
Once & Again Folksingers at 7:45 pm

Tuesday, February 7

Nominating Committee, Fellowship Room at 6:00 pm
Youth & Connection Circle, East Wing at 7:00 pm
Men's Choir at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 8

Domestic Violence TF, East Wing at 12:30 pm
Committee on Ministry, Meeting House at 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 9

Youth Choir at 5:00 pm
Teen Choir at 6:00 pm
Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, February 10

Shawl Ministry, Meeting House at 12:30 pm

Saturday, February 11

Sight-Singing Class, Sanctuary at 9:30 am
Voice lessons, Sanctuary at 11:00
Pastoral Care Associates, Meeting House at 1:00 pm
Cabaret, Sanctuary at 8:00 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

Today - Parent Class: How to Talk to Your Kids About God Join Rev. John and Mary Collins for this discussion in the chapel at 12:30 pm.

Immigration & Refugee Committee meeting today at 12:30 in the sanctuary. Update on our work with ICONN, new initiative with employment application assistance, report from Camila Bortoletto, co-founder (with her sister), *CT Students for a Dream*, and more!

Attention all Committee Chairs: Please come to the library at 12:30 today to discuss what to include in our Covenant of Right Relations

Interested in Small Group Ministry? The SGM team will be in the foyer after each service today to answer your questions about what Small Group is and how you can join a group.

Middle & High school youth & their parents encouraged to come Tues. Feb. 7 to the Lifespan Faith Development meeting about programming (feedback & planning ahead incoming) RSVP to Mary

Cabaret is coming on Sat. Feb. 11th at 8:00pm. A fun evening of songs and poems, with a Valentine's theme. It is a BYO event; no childcare is provided. Contact Ed Thompson if you wish to participate.

Into to Islam for Adults Feb. 12th at 12:30 with our neighbor Imam Nasif Muhammad, from the Al-Aziz Islamic Center in Bridgeport RSVP to Mary Collins mary.dre@uuwestport.org

Calling all artists and designers – logo contest: the Stewardship Comm. needs a logo for our upcoming Budget Drive. Design a logo on the theme of "Light" and submit to David Vita by Feb. 14th.

Abbie Gardner at Voices Cafe on Sat. Feb. 18th at 8:00pm. She's the fiery Dobro player with the soaring voice who toured with Red Molly. Craig Akin, from the band Roosevelt Dime, will be joining Abbie for this show. Tickets on sale today in the foyer.

There will be a memorial service and reception for Ken Lanouette on Sunday, February 19th at 3:00 pm. All are invited to attend.



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

Missing you, dear David, our loving and devoted brother, uncle and my son.

Sweetest soul and kindest heart

11/5/1968 – 2/3/2008

Given by Alice Rago

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers 9:00: A. Stockton, D. Barrow, M.J. Cross

Ushers 11:00: D. Bell, L. Peel, J. Glasses-Orenstein, S. Khadjavi

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