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WELCOME

Cheryl Dixon Paul, Worship Associate

CHALICE LIGHTING

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

OPENING WORDS

HYMN Sleep My Child, #409

CANDLE LIGHTING This is a time to briefly share a personal joy or sorrow.

MEDITATION / SILENCE

RESPONSIVE READING Give Us the Spirit of the Child, #664

SERMON LOVE Donna Thompson-Bennett

OFFERING

SONG "What the world needs now is love" Burt Bacharach

Chorus:

What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
No not just for some but for everyone

Verse 1

Lord, we don't need another mountain
There are mountains and hillsides enough to climb
There are oceans and rivers enough to cross
Enough to last till the end of time

Chorus

Verse 2

Lord, we don't need another meadow
There are cornfields and wheat fields enough to grow
There are sunbeams and moonbeams enough to shine
Oh listen, lord, if you want to know

Chorus

CLOSING WORDS

ABOUT OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Donna Thompson-Bennett is a child of God who seeks to be a woman of faith each day. Donna and her soul mate Pastor Anthony L. Bennett are blessed to love, live and serve in Bridgeport, CT with the beautiful people of Mount Aery Baptist Church. Her servant leadership with God has included work as a youth & women's ministry facilitator, spiritual teacher, social justice advocate, retreat presenter, as well as a prayer and meditation leader. Ms. Thompson-Bennett is a graduate of Spelman and Georgetown University Law Center.

UPCOMING SERVICES *We hope to see you again!*

8/19 Bob Bevacqua - "Going for Refuge"

Bob will lead the congregation in an experience of meditation upon an object or idea, such as love. He will address the human urge to escape suffering and pain, which may take one down a path of greater suffering. He will guide us in accepting the reality of our mortality, and how to go for refuge in the divine. Bob found wisdom in Eckert Tolle's Power of Now, is a dedicated practitioner of Kadampa Buddhism. He serves by leading spiritual groups, officiating weddings and offering several hours of spiritual counseling a week. He also serves at TUCW as a resource for our Addiction and Recovery Ministry. He lives and works in Westport, where he cultivates orchids. Bob will lead a discussion following the service.



8/26 Patrica Francek and Janet Luongo - "Broken to Unbreakable"

Pat and Janet will weave poems, stories and music about their personal journeys that transformed their lives from what had been to imagining what could be. They will share how they managed memories and emotions through periods of darkness. They will relate the steps they took from feeling alone to connected; from feeling broken to being awareness of something within and beyond that is *unbreakable*. Florence Romanov will play classical music on the piano. Tom Hearne and Berta Russell will sing and play guitar. Pat and Janet co-lead a grief support group here.

Buddhist Practice with Nina Nagy, Wednesdays, Meeting House, 7 pm. Open to new comers. Please e-mail Nina each week you plan to attend. ninazcara@gmail.com.

Sunday Meditation at 9:15 – 9:45 a.m., downstairs in the Chapel, open to anyone. Contact Janet with questions: jlungo3@optonline.net

Annual massive Tag Sale! Saturday, **Aug. 18** – see sign-ups and fliers of what to donate in the foyer. Bring your donations this week! Call Diane in the office, 227-7205, ext. 10 with any questions. Let's make this the best tag sale ever!

For individuals or families of our congregation seeking confidential support or information about addiction issues, please contact our **Addiction Recovery Ministry** at 227-7205, ext. 19, or emailing pca@uuwestport.org.

Welcome to
The Unitarian Church in Westport
Sunday, August 12, 2018

LOVE

Guest Speaker: Donna Thompson-Bennett

Worship Associate: Cheryl Dixon Paul

Pastoral Care Chaplain: Jim Francek

Ushers: Mary Jane Cross and Melanie Allen

Accompanist: Anita Pfluger

WELCOME! We're glad you're here this morning. If this is one of your first visits, and you want to know more about us, please stop to talk with any one of us. And join us after the service for refreshments and conversation. Our ministers have the summer off from preaching, so our Sunday services are led by members and friends of the congregation. More about the congregation can be found at www.uuwestport.org.

- There are listening assistive **headphones** on the back wall of the sanctuary. Please remember to turn them off.
- **Armchairs** are reserved for those who need them.
- There is a nursery downstairs for little ones, with staff supervision, and activities for children of all ages. An usher can show you the way.

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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