

OPENING SONG "Come, come, whoever you are"

WELCOME & OPENING WORDS Doug Flam, Worship Assoc.

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING HYMN #146 *Soon the Day Will Arrive*

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

CANDLE LIGHTING Today we light one candle, honoring the
lives of immigrants and refugees

MUSIC *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place* Joyce Poley
When our heart is in a holy place,
when our heart is in a holy place,
We are blessed with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.

Speaker No. 1 Introduction Claudia Connor, CEO-Director of CIRI*

Speaker No. 2 Testimonial Dr. Nso Besong Takang (Cameroon)

Speaker No. 3 Testimonial Sonia Hernandez (Honduras)
With interpreter, Mary Elizabeth Smith

OFFERING Share the Plate David Vita, Director of Social Justice

OFFERING MUSIC *Sailing* Rod Stewart, arr. Cathy Paine

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.

Speaker No. 4 Testimonial Lindy Hennessey

CLOSING SONG *This Land is Your Land* Woody Guthrie

CLOSING WORDS *Things We Carry on the Sea* Wang Ping
David Vita and Marjolijn de Jager

POSTLUDE *Welcome, Welcome, Immigrante* Buffy Sainte-Marie
Welcome, welcome, immigrante
To my country, welcome home.
Welcome, welcome, immigrante
To the country that I love.

**Please join us in the sanctuary after the service
to continue the conversation.**

WELCOME! We're glad you're here this morning. Our summer worship is generally led by members of the congregation, as the ministers take a well-earned break. If this is one of your first visits, and you want to know more about us, please talk with any one of us. And join us after the service for refreshments and conversation. 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.

CHILDREN: There are adult-supervised activities downstairs for Pre-K to Grade 3.

THANKS to everyone who made this service possible: all of the individuals mentioned above, plus Melanie Wyler, and Julyen Norman who is responsible for putting the musical program together; to Anita Pfluger and Steve Axthelm, our musicians, and to Marliiss Walther and Julyen for coordinating refreshments

* **CIRI is the Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants** in Bridgeport, with whom our church is partnered.

We welcome Our Woven Community (OWC), after the service. OWC is a program of the Burroughs Center in Bridgeport that provides local resettled refugee women the opportunity to become self-sufficient leaders, giving them entrepreneurial skills and economic opportunity. Participants learn to use sewing machines to create beautiful handbags, scarves and other items. We use local donated materials combined with fabrics from African countries to symbolize the weaving of cultures. 100% of the proceeds benefit the artists and support the program.

UPCOMING SERVICES *We hope to see you again!*

Sun, Aug. 18 A Better Man led by Luke Garvey, Jim Cooper and Rob Laug. Chris Seiple on piano. What does it mean to be a good man in 2019? A better man? We will explore what manhood meant in the past, present and future.

Sun, Aug. 25 Denise Lamoureux *Liberate Yourself from Addiction & Trauma*

ONGOING:

Meditation before the Worship Service: All are welcome to join in meditation every Sunday at 9:00 in the Willow Room downstairs before the 10 a.m. service.

Buddhist Practice Group

Every Monday in the Meeting House, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Please email Nina each week at ninazcara@gmail.com to say you are coming. Teachings are on a donation basis.

Fun in the Sun: Sherwood Sundays 11:30 AM at Sherwood Island State Park, Westport. June 30th through August 18th. Come join Rev. Shelly and friends. Relax, swim, play, and have a great time with other TUCW families and friends. Bring your lunch, beach toys & gear. More information available in the lobby.

Tag Sale News --- The Big Switch – see insert

UPCOMING EVENTS:

INVITATION to a "Forward" (not a Retreat!) on Sun. Aug. 25th, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with the Year-Round Stewardship Committee to brainstorm, plan and strategize for our exciting year ahead. Lunch included at the home of Matt and Mary Money. Soundings has details. Contact Elena Rockman-Blake, erockman2006@aol.com. Your input is valued and needed. No future commitment required (but welcomed!).

Save the Date! **FALL FOLLIES** (a.k.a. Spring Fling) returns after a much-too-long hiatus. A night of rollicking fun – Saturday Oct. 26

*Welcome to
The Unitarian
Church in Westport
August 11, 2019*



*Immigration,
Our Human Story*

Today's worship participants:

Guest Speaker: Claudia Connor
Dr. Nso Besong

Takang

Sonia Hernandez
Lindy Hennessey

Worship Associate: Doug Flam

Pastoral Care Chaplain: Kathy Roberts

Ushers : Susan Starkie, Paula Yonkers

Musicians: Anita Pfluger, piano, Steve Axthelm, guitar, and choir



The flowers this morning are
In loving memory of my father, Giovanni Morresi, MD, PhD
July 29, 1934 - August 8, 1989
given by Gian Andrea Morresi

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.*