

## Flowers

Today's Flowers are dedicated by the Faith Formation Program with gratitude to the parents, grandparents, and beloved grown-ups in our community — your support helps our children and youth begin life with sure footing, a full heart, and the knowledge that they are a part of a beloved community.

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**Today's Coffee Hour** is hosted by Ruth Fontilla and Sue O'Meara in celebration of the many ways mothering shows up in our community, through parents, grandparents, chosen family, teachers, and friends who nurture and care for others.

We need hosts for coffee hours on May 17, 24 and 31.

It's a great opportunity for committees and groups within UUWestport to have fun serving others. To sign up, email [Ruth](mailto:Ruth).

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### TODAY ~ MAY 10

**Share the Plate (STP) Nominations.** Social Justice Council (SJC) wants your nominations for possible new recipients in our STP program. Pick up a form from the table in the foyer.

**Mending the Sacred Hoop Table. 11:15. Foyer.** Drop by and visit with Grandmother Nancy & Rev. Jim to talk about the way we can remember and honor Indigenous women during May. #MMIWG.

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### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

**Living with Intention. Mondays starting May 11, 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Zoom.** Join Nina N and Devyani S to explore how our choices, words, and actions can support a more grounded, clear and compassionate life.

**UUWestport Women's Potluck. Fri, May 15, 6:30 PM.** This month's potluck is hosted by Marie-Claire. Contact eileen b to RSVP. Bring something to eat or drink and meet new friends and old.

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See Soundings for event details. Scan for the latest edition.

Thanks for your generosity! Scan to give.



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Virtual Offering

## Flower Communion: Beauty Calls Us Together

May 10, 2026

10:00 am



The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Westport

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*The Unitarian Universalist Congregation 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.*

**PRELUDE** "Flower Prelude" Nick Barra

**WELCOME** Beth Cliff

**CHALICE LIGHTING** Aly Crouse, Erin Eisner, and Joanna Largier

**OPENING WORDS** Josephine

**FLOWER COMMUNION and INTRO TO MUSIC** Laila M. and Sierra

**MUSIC** "You Bring an Aster" Ignite

**\* AFFIRMATION** Micah Krajca  
 Love is the spirit of this community, and service its gift.  
 This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,  
 To seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

**INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC** Micah

**MUSIC** "Čapek's Journey" Tenor Bass Choir

**OFFERING** Share the Plate: **Mercy Learning Center**  
 Fiona Wilkes, Director of Development  
*Mercy Learning Center empowers women to reach their full potential through free, transformative education in a compassionate, supportive environment.*

**INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC** Rowan

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** "In the Depths of My Soul" Treble Choir

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING** Marie Hayes  
 May we be grateful for the opportunity to give,  
 For generosity is a core spiritual practice.  
 May we be grateful for all who freely share their gifts,  
 For we are enriched by their giving.  
 And may we be grateful even for our needs,  
 So that we may learn from the generosity of others.

**CHILDREN'S SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS** Beverly Bailey

**INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC** Marie

**MUSIC** "Mother Spirit, Father Spirit / Beloved" Ignite and Radiant Light

**READING** Laila A. and Willow

**\* SINGING** "We Are One"

We are here, and a new faith is dawning.  
 We are here, many hearts filled with hope.  
 We are here, joining freely together,  
 Siblings and strangers, cousins and neighbors.  
 Creating new traditions, shaping what will come.  
 We are here, we are here, we are one.

We are one, though each of us is different.  
 We are one, each with blessings and needs,  
 We are one, bringing beauty to the table,  
 Siblings and strangers, cousins and neighbors.  
 Nurturing each other, singing harmony.  
 We are one, we are one, we are free.

We are free, liberated from old symbols.  
 We are free, free to learn, grow, and serve.  
 We are free, like flowers in the gardens,  
 Siblings and strangers, cousins and neighbors.  
 Growing in courage to face the great unknown.  
 We are free, we are free, we are home.

We are home, respecting one another.  
 We are home, sharing all that must be done.  
 We are home, in the voices of our children,  
 Siblings and strangers, cousins and neighbors.  
 Loving one another, what could be more clear?  
 We are home, we are home, we are here!  
 We are free, we are home, we are here!  
 We are one, we are free, we are here!

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Today's readings and music comes from the cantata,  
*Beauty Calls Us Together* that was written by  
 Lynch, Canan, Piirainen, Merdinger, and Čapek,  
 to celebrate 100 years of the Flower Ceremony.

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**\* Asterisk (\*)** indicates "rise in body or spirit."

**Listening Devices** are available in the rear of the sanctuary in colorful bags in a basket. Anyone is welcome to use one.