

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

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**Today's Coffee Hour** is hosted by **The Membership Committee**, chaired by Jerusha Vogel.

We are looking for hosts for coffee hours on May 24 and June 7. This is a wonderful opportunity for committees and groups within the congregation to have fun serving others at UUWestport. To sign up, email [Ruth](mailto:Ruth).

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TODAY ~ MAY 17

Newcomer Orientation: Part 3: Who can we be together? Engaging in UUWestport. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Library. Join this series to learn how you can fit at UUWestport.

Spring Cleaning. 12:30 PM. Gardens. Join Melanie and John to get the Memorial and Meditation Gardens ready for summer.

No Kings: What's Next: From Protests to Projects. 5:00-7:30 PM. Sanctuary. Join this informal, fun, and productive cocktail hour, bringing together people to explore options, meet great people, and take action.

UUWestport Auction Goes Live. 8:00 PM. Find over 200 treasures to bid on. Auction site will be posted on the homepage of our [website](http://www.uuwestport.org) tonight at 8:00, until May 27.

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### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

**Living with Intention. Mondays, 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.

**UUWriters. Thursday, May 21, 7:00 PM, Zoom.** Our monthly theme is Awakening Curiosity. All are welcome to join. Contact Sari for poems and songs for inspiration to kickstart your writing.

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

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Virtual Offering

Awakening Curiosity: Where Do We Go From Here?

May 17, 2026

10:00 am



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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 Nick Barra

WELCOME Sari Bodi

CHALICE LIGHTING Jen Gerometta and Dylan Grimes

OPENING WORDS Rev. Carlton E. Smith

MUSIC "A Dream Within a Dream" Angie Mendez, Jen Boland,
(Edgar Allan Poe and Cathy Paine, Anita Pfluger,
Ruth Morris Gray) Beth Cliff, and Wendy Levy

AFFIRMATION Maureen McBride

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.

A TIME FOR ALL AGES Linda Hudson

SING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR CLASSES

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace above us, let all around us be peace.
Oh, let all around us be peace.

RESPONSIVE READING #534 Gloria! Maureen

MUSIC "The Road Not Taken" Kristin Raymond,
(Robert Frost and Jalna Jaeger, Cheryl Dixon,
Victor C. Johnson) Tom Hearne, Bob Welsh,
Luke Montgomery, and Linda Hudson

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Marie-Claire Bue

MEDITATION / PRAYER Rev. Carlton

SINGING "There's a River Flowin' in My Soul"

1. There's a river flowin' in my soul.
There's a river flowin' in my soul.
And it's telling me that I'm somebody.
There's a river flowin' in my soul.
2. There's a river flowin' in my heart . . .

3. There's a river flowin' in my mind . . .

MESSAGE "Where Do We Go From Here?" Rev. Carlton E. Smith

OFFERING Maureen

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Wind on the Hill" Cheryl Dixon, Sarah Keller,
(A. A. Milne and Deb Weingrad, Sari Bodi,
Douglas E. Wagner) Kristin Raymond,
Wendy Levy, and Linda Hudson

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING Maureen

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.

SINGING "Gonna Keep on Movin' Forward"
(Pat Humphries)

1. Gonna keep on movin' forward
Keep on movin' forward,
Keep on moving forward
Never turning back, Never turning back
2. We're gonna keep on loving boldly . . .
3. Gonna reach across our borders . . .
4. Gonna keep on moving forward . . .

CLOSING WORDS Rev. Carlton

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*Flowers*

Today's flowers are given with love by Naree Viner,  
in joyful celebration of her parents'  
60th wedding anniversary this month.

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