

ORDER OF SERVICE
November 22, 2015

PRELUDE 9:00 "We Give Thanks" Wendy Perkins
Youth Choir
11:00 "Thanksgiving Canticle" Heinrich Schutz
Teen Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Ellie Grosso,
Worship Associate

CHALICE LIGHTING 9:00 Tessa Balmer

OPENING WORDS Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

*OPENING HYMN #67 "We Sing Now Together"

STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION (see cover)

SILENT CANDLELIGHTING
A Pastoral Care Associate will be present at the candle boat after service

SPOKEN & SILENT MEDITATION

MUSIC 9:00 "The Common Good" Thompson
11:00 "Harvest Blessings" Thompson

STORY "The Samovar" A Russian story

RESPONSE & REFLECTION Edward Thompson

OFFERING 9:00 "We Sing to the Maker" Traditional Welsh
11:00 "Thanksgiving Song" Thompson

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.

THANKSGIVING COMMUNION
Cornbread & cider will be distributed
Please wait until everyone is served

CLOSING HYMN #68 "Come, Ye Thankful People"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE 9:00 "Who Will Buy" Lionel Bart
11:00 "There's Honey in the Rock" Spiritual

*Latecomers will be seated at this time.
Parents with young children are invited to sit in the first three rows so that
little ones can see and participate.
To create an atmosphere of worship we ask that you refrain from applauding
until the end of the service and turn off all cell phones and beepers.
There are listening assistive headphones on the back wall of the Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Today, November 22
Service of Installation, Sanctuary at 4:00 pm
Thursday, November 26
Holiday, Church Building Closed
Friday, November 27
Holiday, Church Building Closed Saturday, November 21

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

You are invited to an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service being held at Saugatuck Congregational Church on Tue, November 24 at 7:00 pm. Ed will be directing the choir and Rev. John will be offering a prayer.

TUCW is co-sponsoring a Thanksgiving Community Feast at the Saugatuck Church in Westport starting at 11 am on Thanksgiving Day. Many of our people are working at this event, including Rev. John who will be offering the blessing before the meal. Everyone is invited.

Let's help put fresh food on the table this holiday season. For the hundreds of women at Mercy Learning Center this is a challenge. Stop by the Social Justice table to pick up a purple envelope for your donation. The women of MLC will be very grateful!

Youth Group wreath sale is coming! On Dec. 6 and Dec 13 stop by our courtyard after both services and support our TUCW youth with your holiday wreath purchase.

Jewelry Sale, Dec 6 after each Service: Shop for jewelry, scarves and more and benefit the church. Great bargains. All merchandise donated by the congregation.

It's tough at holiday time if mom or dad is in prison. For nearly 30 years we have been helping by providing gifts for these parents to give to their kids. Bring an unwrapped toy or help with gifts for older kids by writing a check (payable to UCW, memo Family ReEntry)

Do you feel flowers add spirituality to the worship service? For info about contributing flowers please call Jan in the church office, email jan@uuwestport.org or sign up in the Flower Book. The cost is \$65 and we take care of all the details!

If you are going through a challenging time and need support from our Pastoral Care Associates, call to leave a confidential message in the PCA voice mailbox (203-227-7205 ext. 19) or PCA@uuwestport.org



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.*

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.*

FLOWERS

*Remembering our dear friends, Dorothy & Ed Bryce
Given by Anatole & Rosaria Konstantin*

The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers 9:00: J. Cooper, M. Webb, E. Rockman-Blake, L. Hudson

Ushers 11:00: M. Money, N. McKeever, L. O'Donnell, G. Newell

Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister

Rev. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music

Rev. Debra Haffner, Endorsed Community Minister

Rev. Frank Hall, Minister Emeritus

Mary Collins, Director Religious Education; Cal Wacker, Youth Programs
David Vita, Director Social Justice and Membership