

ORDER OF SERVICE
January 24, 2016

PRELUDE "If Ye Love Me" Thomas Tallis
Chamber Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Linda Hudson
Worship Associate

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS Rev. Dr. Debra Haffner

*OPENING HYMN #188 "Come, Come, Whoever You Are"

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.

STORY "Wish Ring" Folk Tale told by Mary Collins
Teachers & Children to classes, Hymn # 413

RESPONSIVE READING #730

CANDLELIGHTING A time to share a brief personal joy or sorrow.
A Pastoral Care Associate will be present at the candle boat after service

SPOKEN AND SILENT MEDITATION

MUSIC "Hold On to What Is Good" Len Handler

SERMON "Marriage and Membership" Rev. Dr. Debra Haffner

OFFERING "How Lovely Are the Messengers" F. Mendelssohn

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.

CLOSING HYMN #6 "Just as Long as I Have Breath"

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE "The Spirit of Life" Thompson

*Latecomers will be seated at this time.

Parents with young children are invited to use our nursery or sit in the foyer
where you can hear the service and your children can be children.
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, January 24

8th G. Parents Meeting, Chapel at 12:30 pm

Childcare in Pine Room at 12:30 pm

Empathy Labyrinth, East Wing at 12:30 pm

Understanding World Religions(Christianity)Sanctuary at 1:00

Monday, January 25

NVC Practice, Meeting House at 7:00 pm

Tuesday January 26

Audit Committee, Fellowship Room at 6:00 pm

Men's Choir at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, January 27

COM, Rev. John's Office at 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 28

Youth Choir at 5:00 pm

Teen Choir at 6:00 pm

Women's Choir at 7:45 pm

Friday, January 29

Soundings Deadline at 12:00 noon

UU Movie Discussion, Meeting House at 7:30 pm

Saturday, January 30

Sight Singing, Sanctuary at 9:00 am

Singers Workshop, Sanctuary at 11:00 am

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

Come walk the Empathy Labyrinth in the East Wing today! Have fun as you experience new ways to deepen your connections with others and help avoid/resolve conflicts peacefully. Childcare available. Offered as part of TUCW Compassionate Communication NVC program. Teens & children who can listen and participate with parent(s) are welcome.

Understanding World Religions Christianity 1:00 pm - Sanctuary with Thomas Hearne. "Let's explore your favorite misconceptions about Christianity..."

There will be a vigil to honor Christopher Lanni, a Westport youth who died in December, on January 26 at 7:00 pm at Jesup Green.

Upcoming opportunities to learn about Mercy Learning Center: Thinking about being a tutor? New tutor training, January 29th, 9:00-3:00. Just want to know more about MLC? MLC Introductory Lunch, February 5th, 11:30-1:00. Learn more or RSVP: Sharon Bittenbender 203-400-3843 or sharon@slpoole.com

If you have lost a loved one and would appreciate the support of others going through a similar experience, join us in Rev. John's office each Thurs. 7:00- 8:30 pm, Jan. 7th to Feb. 4th. Pat Francek 203-893-1781 or Barbara Kezur 203-454-8993.



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.*

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Ushers 9:00: S. Kadison, J. Cooper, M. Webb, E. Rockman-Blake

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

Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. 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