

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Shanonda Nelson, Worship Associate

PRELUDE

CHALICE LIGHTING

Worship Associate

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Shelly Thompson

**\*\*OPENING SONG “Joy to the World”**

*1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come; let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and  
heav'n and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

*2. Joy to the world! Let all proclaim; let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

COVENANT

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

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

MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson

OFFERING

SERMON Part 1: Black Friday Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister

CAROL “Deck the Halls”

*1. Deck the halls with boughs of holly, fa la la la la, la la la la  
'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la, la la la la  
Don we now our gay apparel, fa la la la la, la la la la  
Troll the ancient, Yuletide carol, fa la la la la, la la la la.*

*2. Fast away the old year passes, fa la la la la, la la la la  
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, fa la la la la, la la la la  
Sing we joyous all together, fa la la la la, la la la la  
Heedless of the wind and weather, fa la la la la, la la la la.*

SERMON PART 2: TUCW and Christmas

CAROL “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come  
ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him, born the King of angels:*

*(CHORUS) O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O  
come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of  
heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (CHORUS)*

SERMON Part 3: What a Gift!

CLOSING SONG “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

*We wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas,  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!  
Good tidings to you wherever you are;  
good tidings for Christmas and a happy New Year!*

CLOSING WORDS

Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister

POSTLUDE

*Poinsettias*

Donated to the congregation by Marion Wertheim  
Be well! Be merry!

**\*\*Latecomers will be seated at this time.**

Parents with babies/young toddlers please use our foyer to enjoy the service.  
Listening assistive headphones are on the back wall of the Sanctuary.

**WELCOME!** We're glad you're here this morning. If this is one of your first visits with us, please stop by the visitors' table (below the WELCOME sign) for information and answers to questions you may have about this UU community. And join us after the service for refreshments and conversation. More information about our programs and our Event Calendar can be found at our website [www.uuwestport.org](http://www.uuwestport.org)

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

**Holiday Appeal:** Please consider making an end-of-year contribution to our congregation, and visit the Year Round Stewards in the lobby after the service. Look for Rev. John's letter explaining this giving opportunity.

**The Board & COM present the Strategic Plan:** Please join members of the Board and the Committee on Ministry in the foyer after the service to learn about the new Strategic Plan and about preparation for a proposed Capital Campaign.

**Leadership Development Team (LDT) presents *Harvest the Power*:** Join Rev. John for this engaging series designed to enrich the skills of both new and experienced leaders. 12 Sunday sessions will run from 12:30-2pm beginning in January. Contact [ldt@uuwestport.org](mailto:ldt@uuwestport.org) with questions or to apply.

**Year-Round Stewardship Committee needs your help:** If you are looking for an opportunity to contribute to our congregation, if you want to meet new people in our community, if you understand that the financial health of our church is important, you can be a "Visiting Steward"! Please email [stewardship@uuwestport.org](mailto:stewardship@uuwestport.org). Mark your calendars for a fun and interactive training session to be held on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Coming in January:** Sight Singing and Voice Classes. See Soundings for more information.

## *It's That Time of Year Again*

Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister

December 30, 2018



## The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson, Minister of Music

Rev. Frank A. Hall, Minister Emeritus

Rev. Shelly Thompson, Assistant Minister for Faith Formation

Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister

Sandra Clements, Acting Children's Program Coordinator

David Vita, Director of Social Justice and Director of Membership

**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.*