

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION  
Shanonda Nelson, Worship Associate

PRELUDE

CHALICE LIGHTING & OPENING WORDS      Worship Associate

\*\* 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)*

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 the service.

MEDITATION      Rev. Ed Thompson

HOMILY "It's That Time of Year Again"      Margalie Belizaire,  
Intern Minister

OFFERING

CLOSING SONG

*Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the  
stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; Wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

CLOSING WORDS

*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 stop by the COM table in the foyer to share your opinions on TUCW's infrastructure needs and wishes. Which is more important to you--repairing our roof or replacing the exterior walls? Upgrading the heating system or adding air conditioning? Reducing operating costs or concentrating on energy consumption? Your opinions are important. Let us hear from you!

**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.

## 9:00AM CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE



### The Unitarian Church in Westport

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Ushers: M. Constable; B. Stuck

Rev. Dr. John T. Morehouse, Senior Minister

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.*