

NATURE AND HOPE

Annual Summer Solstice Service and Concert

Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson and Friends

June 19, 2022 10 AM

PRELUDE "Psalm of Summer" (Waldemar Ahlen) The Choir

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS Cathy Paine

CHALICE LIGHTING

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.

HYMN #65 The Sweet June Days

1. The sweet June days are come again; once more the glad earth yields
Its golden wealth of rip'ning grain, and breath of clover fields,
And deep'ning shade of summer woods, and glow of summer air,
And winging thoughts and happy moods of love and joy and prayer.
2. The sweet June days are come again; the birds are on the wing;
Bright anthems, in their merry strain, unconsciously they sing.
Oh, how our cup o'er brims with good these happy summer days;
For all the joys of field and wood we lift our song of praise.

INTRODUCTION to Nature and Hope Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson

"Linden Lea" (Ralph Vaughan Williams) The Choir

"To the Hills" (Purcell)

"Little Fly" (Blake/Esperanza Spalding) Andrew Muench, bass; Michael Costantino, voice

CANDLELIGHTING David Smith, Chaplain

"Agnus Dei" (Jay Althouse) The Choir

PRAYER AND MEDITATION Rev. Thompson

"Light of a Clear Blue Morning" (Dolly Parton) Jenna McPartland, soloist

OFFERING Share the Plate: In recognition of Juneteenth: The Mary & Eliza Freeman Center, Bridgeport
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"Both Sides Now" (Joni Mitchell) Chloe Smith

CHANT "Welcome Summer"

The Choir

Welcome summer, welcome sun, gift to all the earth.

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Thompson

POSTLUDE "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" (Halley)

The Choir and Jenna McPartland

The Choir:

Sopranos: Debbie Handler, Jalna Jaeger, Wendy Levy, Cathy Paine, Trina Wong

Altos: Beth Cliff, Carol Hamilton, Catherine Onyemelukwe, Anita Pfluger

Tenors: Chris Beaurline, Dave Callan, Doug Flam, Julyen Norman

Basses: Mike Costantino, Charles Harrington, Tom Hearne, John McWeeney

Bass: Andrew Muench

Percussion: Eric Gribin

Piano: Beth Palmer

Flowers

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We're glad you're here with us! If you are visiting us this week, we invite you to write your contact information below, and hand to a minister or usher on your way out. Or reach out to us this week by contacting Beth Cliff: beth@uuwestport.org

Name: _____ **Cell:** _____

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