The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism

- 1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- 2. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations
- 3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
- 4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- 5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
- 6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
- 7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.













The Unitarian Church in Westport

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"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."



Unitarian Universalism is a "living tradition" that draws upon the wisdom of the world's religions. If you ask one of our children what kind of person a Unitarian Universalist is, she might tell you that "a UU is a person with an open

mind, helping hands, and a loving heart." An adult might say that "we affirm freedom, reason and tolerance."

The Unitarian Church in Westport is a diverse community of individuals and families, from a variety of personal and faith backgrounds. We are a Welcoming Congregation, committed to being inclusive and expressive of the concerns of the LGBTQ community and of all races and heritages, at every level of congregational life. Together we affirm those values we hold in common, explore mysteries we cannot prove, live with our questions, and share each other's journeys.

Sunday Services are at 9 and 11 AM. Uplifting music and a time for meditation/reflection/prayer are always important elements of all our services. Adult-supervised childcare is available. Please join us! In February 1949 a group of 12 met in a living room in Bridgeport and voted to establish "The First Unitarian Fellowship of Fairfield County." By 1959 the church had accepted NY architect Victor Lundy's design for an inspiring church building with a soaring roofline and glass walls. It won the Progressive Architecture Award in 1960, and construction was completed in 1965.

The pulpit, also designed by Lundy, was a gift to the church from Norman Cousins and dedicated to Dr. Albert Schweitzer.





Our senior minister was installed in 2015. The Rev. Dr. John Morehouse comes from a long line of UU ministers, and has led flourishing congregations for the past 30+ years. He is joined by other gifted staff including full-time expert leaders who guide our robust music. learning and service programs. Our renowned Minister of Music, the Rev. Dr. Ed Thompson, has built 7 different choirs that offer moving experiences to the choristers and congregation alike. This music, drawn from multiple traditions and heritages, has become one of the hallmarks of our UU church.



Anyone who steps into our sanctuary cannot help but be awed by its sweeping lines, open spaces, proximity to the natural world around it, and the abundance of light that shines through. It is inspiring for us all.

Today the church pulls from all parts of Fairfield county and beyond. We are a dedicated, lively congregation that offers both large gatherings during Sunday Services and other celebrations and ceremonies; and small intimate settings as part of our many ministries, teams and social justice activities. There is truly something for everyone here!





FAITH FORMATION

Our Faith Formation programs foster growth and learning at every stage of development, from preschool through adulthood. We explore what it means to live our Unitarian Universalist faith in this complex ever-changing world. Our programs support us in many ways:

- Grow bonds of connection between people of all ages
- Encourage spiritual growth and develop leadership skills
- Cultivate spiritual practices that deepen our connections and nurture our faith
- Explore the ways that other religious traditions honor what is holy and sacred
- Experience worship and promote a sense of wonder and mystery
- Engage thoughtfully with the "BIG" questions and issues of concern to us
- Act upon our values of love and service through social justice opportunities in the greater community.

We are proud of our strong record as a place of social activism and antioppression work. There are countless opportunities for involvement in our programs, ranging from school mentoring programs to supporting the LGBTQ communities. Whether it be toys for prisoners' children; books and tutors for inner-city schools; furniture and shelter for immigrants; outdoor soccer games for under-privileged youth: we provide support to those in need in the greater community. The opportunities to serve are endless. Each is a point of pride and distinction for us as a congregation that acts on its beliefs.



