

MARQUAND READER

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THIS WEEK IN MARQUAND

Services begin at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome!

Monday:	“Sharing the Water of Life.” A service for the beginning of the year.
Tuesday:	Greta Getlein, preaching. Marquand Gospel and Inspirational Ensemble.
Wednesday:	Sung Morning Prayer. Setting by John Tirro.
Thursday:	Mykal Tairu, graduating student, preaching.
Friday:	Community Eucharist. Kent Siladi, Conference Minister for the Connecticut Conference of the UCC, preaching and presiding.

Monday, January 13: “Sharing the Water of Life”

As we begin another semester and gather once again as a daily worshipping community, we have opportunities to reconnect with those we haven’t seen in a few weeks. We will begin the semester gathered around water and draw from a ritual, *The Water Ceremony*, first used in a Unitarian Universalist (UU) worship service in the 1980s. It is common practice in Unitarian congregations to hold a Water Communion once a year, often at the beginning of the new church year. Members bring to the service a small amount of water from a place that is special to them. During the appointed time in the service, people one by one pour their water together into a large bowl. As the water is added, the person who brought it tells why this water is special to them. The combined water is symbolic of a shared faith coming from many different sources.

(source: <http://www.uua.org/worship/holidays/174532.shtml>)

The service has been planned in collaboration with Unitarian-Universalist students at YDS. Third year M.Div. student Randall Spaulding will offer a brief sermon; a choral ensemble will sing René Clausen’s “Set Me As a Seal,” and we will sing Mark Miller’s “Welcome,” “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” to the tune of *Nettleton*, and “Rain Down.” Everyone is invited to bring water from their homes, or to recall places where flowing waters have meaning for them.

Tuesday, January 14: A Service of the Word

Greta Getlein, preaching

Each year, the Lectionary draws our attention to the account of the baptism of Jesus, marking the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. Greta Getlein, Berkeley Divinity School’s Director of Studies, will preach, inviting us to consider our own baptism in this ecumenical context. Mark Miller and the Marquand Gospel and Inspirational Ensemble will help lead the music.

Wednesday, January 15: Sung Morning Prayer setting by John Tirro

We will begin this semester’s services of *Sung Morning Prayer* by returning to the popular liturgy compiled by John Tirro. It includes favorites such as “All My Days,” “God of Justice (We Must Go),” “Does Anybody Know Somebody?” and more. Meredith Day, Zack Nyein, and Randall Spaulding will help lead the singing with Patrick Burrows, Mark Koyama,

Michael Racine, Mykal Tairu, and Brett Terry in the band. John Hare will offer a poetry reading and Bill Goettler will lead the prayers.

Thursday, January 16: A Service of the Word

Mykal Tairu, preaching

Second Year MAR student Mykal Tairu will preach on John 18:1-11, focusing on the importance of educating ourselves before acting on our passions. We will begin the service by singing beloved songs including “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” and Richard Smallwood’s “I Love the Lord.”

Friday, January 17: Community Eucharist

Kent Siladi, preaching and presiding

The Rev. Kent Siladi, a UCC pastor who was recently installed as the Conference Minister for the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, will preach and preside. Kent taught UCC Polity at YDS for a number of years before moving to a position in Florida. His sermon, “Get in Line, Take a Number” is on the theme of waiting—patiently and impatiently, with great anticipation and sometimes dread. The liturgy for the service is being written and will be led by students in the UCC and Disciples of Christ traditions.

Participation in Chapel

As always, if you would like to read in Chapel, serve communion, or volunteer in another way, please sign the lists outside Chapel, or contact a chapel minister or [Christa Swenson](#).

Suggestions? Questions? Comments?

Do you have a suggestion, an encouragement for the team, an impression of what you would like to see repeated, or something we haven't done yet you'd like to see? Let the team know! Joe, Katie, Porsha, Randall, Bill, Christa, and Brett are always happy to hear from you.

The Marquand Chapel Team, 2013-14

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