

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society • Sunday, July 16, 2023

Livestream Attendees: To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue, email checkingin@winchesteruu.org or call the WUS Office - 781.729.0949

Wearing masks is encouraged but not required.

Centering Thought

"If you feel uncomfortable you have reached the doorstep of opportunity." - Jil Novenski, Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth, Community Church of New York

Gathering Music *Meditation*, Antônio Carlos Jobim WUS Jazz Quartet

Community Welcome, Announcements and

Invitation to Greeting

Stephen Perepeluk

In person attendees: Note that the congregation will be briefly visible in the livestream. If you do not want to be seen, please sit in the back pews, marked accordingly. Livestreamers: Please let us know who you are and what's on your mind by sending an email to checkingin@winchesteruu.org

Ring of the Bell *We are called back to worship by the ringing of the bell from our Partner Church in Marosvásárhely, Transylvania*

Opening Words By the Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, UUA President Elect
The Rev. Heather Janules

Chalice Lighting By the Rev. Justine Sullivan, UUA Board Trustee
In response to the question "Why would a humanist go to church?"
Kindled by Patty Shepard and Claire McNeill, WUS GA Delegates

***Hymn # 360** *Here We Have Gathered* Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Prayer From the Service of the Living Tradition (Abridged)
The Rev. Duncan Teague

Joys and Sorrows

Ella Kromm

At this time, you are invited to come forward, light a candle and share a joy or sorrow you carry within. Please note that as this service is being livestreamed, it is available over the internet in the moment and as an archived recording. If anyone wishes to have a candle brought to them, please raise your hand.

Silence

Hymn

Woyaya

Please remain seated

We are going, heaven knows where we are going,
but we know within.

And we will get there, heaven knows how we will get there,
But we know we will.

It will be hard we know, and the road will be muddy and rough,
But we'll get there, heaven knows how we will get there,
But we know we will.

Woyaya, woyaya...

Reflection

"A Wider View of UU"

Patty Cameron

Reading

"Pushing For Change" by Elandria Williams
Read by her mother, Elnora Williams

Reflection

"Faithfully Becoming: Lessons from General Assembly"
Heather Janules

Offering Stephen Perepeluk

The offering is a spiritual practice, a collective affirmation of our shared values and commitment to the mission of this liberal religious congregation.

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Offertory *Moon River*, Henry Mancini WUS Jazz Quartet

Affirmation of Shared Ministry *Those who wish to do so are invited to join in the unison Affirmation.* Ella Kromm

We gather not for ourselves alone, but to use our common power to build the Beloved Community within and beyond these walls.

We create and reaffirm this covenant this day - to make justice flourish, to practice compassion amidst difference and to embody transformative love.

***Hymn # 145** *As Tranquil Streams* Gray Hymnal

Benediction By the Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd

Postlude *Freedom Jazz Dance*, Eddie Harris WUS Jazz Quartet

Extinguishing the Chalice

Please read together the words for extinguishing the chalice

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

All are welcome to join an in-person conversation about today's service in the Parlor or to participate virtually by logging into www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship at 11:30 am.

Serving Today

WUS Jazz Quartet is Tyson Kamikawa, Sax; Maury Wood, Bass; Steve Brykman, Drums; and John Kramer, *Director of Music*

Stephen Perepeluk, *Worship Associate* • The Rev. Heather Janules, *Parish Minister* • Ella Kromm, *Worship and Administrative Intern* • Claire McNeill, Patty Shepard and Patty Cameron, *General Assembly Delegates* • Jay Kwan, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

Dennis Brett, Vicky Coccoluto, Chuck Khuen, Liz Lintz (Clerk,) Gordy McIntosh (Co-Chair), Claire McNeill, Fritzie Nace, Martin Newhouse (Co-Chair), Stephen Perepeluk, Brad Steele (Treasurer) and Marcy Tompson

Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org

As part of our commitment to racial justice, each worship service includes wisdom or an artistic gift from people- or communities-of-color.