

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, June 26, 2022

Centering Thought

“We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.” — Martin Luther King Jr., *Why We Can't Wait*

Gathering Music

Francisco Ruiz

Community Welcome and Announcements

Martin Newhouse & Marcy Tompson

Community Greeting *Note that during this time, 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.*

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

Opening Words

“radical gratitude spell” (Adapted) by adrienne maree brown
Darrick Jackson, Rayla & Sage Mattson, Elizabeth Mount, Angeline Jackson, Francisco Ruiz,
Sarah Lenzi, Frances Koziar, Erika Hewitt, Natalie Briscoe, Wendy Luella Perkins

Chalice Lighting

Angeline Jackson

*Hymn

We're All Connected
Written by Wendy Luella Perkins; Sung by Wendy Luella Perkins and Lea Morris

We're all connected, bird, cloud and tree
We're all connected, earth, wind and sea
Woven in a single garment of destiny
We're all connected, breath, you and me

Joys and Sorrows

Martin Newhouse

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.

Holding Silence

Erika Hewitt

Silence

Hymn

Abide With Me *Please remain seated*
Music by William Henry Monk, Verses 1-2 by Henry Francis Lyre; verse 3 by Erika Hewitt

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; still with me abide.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changes not, abide with me.

We need each other every passing hour;
Channels of grace and life-affirming power;
Faithful companions: share this path with me;
Through all our fears and hopes, abide with me.

Prayer of Connection

Erika Hewitt

First Reflection

Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Hymn

We're All Connected *Please remain seated*
Written by Wendy Luella Perkins; Sung by Wendy Luella Perkins and Lea Morris

Second Reflection

Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Offering

Marcy Tompson

The offering is a spiritual practice, a collective affirmation of our shared values and commitment to the mission of this liberal religious congregation. Here are the different ways you can donate to the Winchester Unitarian Society.

Those attending by livestream will see information about how to give. Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text (781) 230-6690** or visit <https://www.winchesteruu.org/giving/how-to-give/> Please write or type the date of your offering in the memo line or comment field.

Offertory

Meditation No. 4

John Kramer

Affirmation of Shared Ministry

Marcy Tompson

Those who wish to do so are invited to join in the unison Affirmation.

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**

Just As Long As I Have Breath

Lyrics by Alicia S. Carpenter; third verse translated by Francisco Ruiz

*Just as long as I have breath, I must answer, "Yes," to life;
though with pain I made my way, still with hope I meet each day.
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to life.*

*Just as long as vision lasts, I must answer, "Yes," to truth;
in my dream and in my dark, always that elusive spark.
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to truth.*

*Mientras lata el corazón, debo decir "Sí" al amor; me dolió la decepción,
y aún así te dí el perdón.
Si preguntan qué hice bien, diles: Dijo "Sí" al amor.*

*Just as long as my heart beats, I must answer, "Yes," to love;
disappointment pierced me through, still I kept on loving you.
If they ask what I did best, tell them I said, "Yes," to love.*

Benediction

By Sarah Lenzi

Sarah Lenzi, Angeline Jackson, Frances Koziar, Darrick Jackson, Erika Hewitt, Rayla & Sage Mattson,
Franciso Ruiz, Wendy Luella Perkins, Natalie Briscoe

Postlude

Love Is the Thread

Written and performed by Kaleidoscope:

Natalie Fleury, Kurt Gaetano, Joel Harris, Linda Meurer, Deb Ruesch, Andy Vrakas and Daniel Wiebe,
members of Unitarian Universalist Church West (UUCW) in Brookfield, WI

Extinguishing the Chalice

Martin Newhouse

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 a virtual conversation about the service (except on July 10th)
by logging on to www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship at 1pm.

Serving Today

Today's service was a pre-recorded gift from the Unitarian Universalist Association
to its member congregations. Thank you, UUA!

Martin Newhouse & Marcy Tompson, Worship Associates · Sean Yun, Livestream Coordinator

Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray (she/her) began her six-year term as president of the Unitarian
Universalist Association (UUA) in June 2017. As president of the Association, she is responsible for
administering staff and programs that serve its more than 1,000 member congregations

Natalie Briscoe (she/her) is Lead of the UUA's Southern Region.

Rev. Erika Hewitt (she/her) is the Minister of Worship Arts for the Unitarian Universalist Association.
She served as liturgist and coordinator of this worship service.

Angeline C. Jackson (she/her) is an LGBTQ human rights activist and expert witness for LGBTQ asylum seekers. She is pursuing an M.Div. from Meadville Lombard Theological School and serves Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church in Pasadena, CA, as their Ministerial Intern. Her forthcoming book for young adults, *Funny Gyal: My Fight Against Homophobia in Jamaica*, will be published in June 2022.

Rev. Darrick Jackson (he/him) is the Director of Ministries for Lifelong Learning of UU Ministers Association, and an Affiliated Community Minister with Second Unitarian Church of Chicago.

Kaleidoscope is the worship band for Unitarian Universalist Church West in Brookfield, WI. Its members are Natalie Fleury, Kurt Gaetano, Joel Harris, Linda Meurer, Deb Ruesch, Andy Vrakas, and Daniel Wiebe.

Frances Koziar (she/her) is a retired (disabled) Canadian UU and social justice advocate living in Kingston, Ontario. She is also an author with over 100 publications of prose and poetry.

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lenzi (she/her) serves the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood NJ, co-hosts the podcast Hope & Heresy, and teaches UU courses at Union Theological Seminary.

Rayla D. Mattson (name, not pronouns) is a single parent who lives in Hartford, CT with their three children, two of whom contributed to this service. Rayla is a religious professional and an avid writer. In Rayla's free time, Rayla enjoys cooking, baking, board and card games and anything that makes them laugh.

Lea Morris (name, not pronouns): Having shared the stage with luminaries including Odetta, Mavis Staples, Dar Williams and Anthony Hamilton, Lea's sound seamlessly blends gospel, jazz, country and R&B into an original style - SoulFolk. Lea's musical ministry is dedicated to fostering more peace, love and joy in the world.

Rev. Elizabeth Mount (they/them) is the minister at the First UU Church of Indiana, PA.

Rev. Wendy Luella Perkins (she/her) founded Soulful Singing—singing meditation for all—twenty years ago. A UU community minister in Kingston Ontario, Wendy Luella has offered a daily online singing gathering since March 2020 and loves to experience and share the power of communal singing.

Francisco Ruiz (he/him) is a vocalist, multi-instrumentalist, arranger, and music director for a variety of choirs and music groups in Los Angeles. He serves as Director of Music for the UU Church of Long Beach, as well as Program Director of Spiritual Practice and Worship for the Association for Unitarian Universalist Music Ministries (AUUMM).

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