

Dear Friends,

Here is what you need to participate in the streamed service on Sunday, March 29, 2020:

**Link for Sunday Worship:** <https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship>

**PDF of Order-of-Service and Religious Education Materials:** [\[link\]](#)

**Please read to the end of this message. There is some new information from last week.**

#### GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

- If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, become acquainted with the technology:
  - Click on the Zoom link at least 15 minutes before you plan to use it the first time. This will prompt an app to download onto your device. You may use a laptop, tablet, desktop or smartphone.
  - You will then be asked whether you wish to join the “meeting” with your device audio and device camera.
    - If you do not want others to see what color pajamas you are wearing at that moment, you can join without activating your camera. Remember: If your camera is on, people can see you...
    - Throughout the service, all participants besides the worship leaders will be muted to prevent background noises (barking dogs, ringing phones, etc.) from being included in the worship service. Our attempt to "unmute" for social hour made it clear this does not work...so we have to stick to typing in the chat.
  - These steps are illustrated in this short instructional video: [https://www.youtube.com/embed/vFhAEoCF7jg?rel=0&autoplay=1&cc\\_lo\\_ad\\_policy=1](https://www.youtube.com/embed/vFhAEoCF7jg?rel=0&autoplay=1&cc_lo_ad_policy=1)
- Gather materials you may want on hand to participate at home:
  - A chalice and a small candle so you can light the chalice when we do. If you do not have a chalice, a candle in a small bowl would work.
  - A second candle (or a few more candles) for “Kindling of the Light”
  - Have your preferred refreshments and hot beverages ready in your kitchen to enjoy during “coffee hour” after worship.
  - Print out the order-of-service and/or the RE packet
  - Our young friends will be invited to draw something that brought them joy this week and share it with others during social hour so you might want to have paper and crayons or markers available.
- Determine how you wish to contribute to the offering:
  - Give+ app on your smartphone. Here is a short tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAjqUxK8YRk>
  - Through your PayPal account, send your contribution to [\[WUS PayPal link\]](#)
  - Mail a check to the WUS office: 478 Main Street, Winchester, MA 01890
- To make sure you can hear everything

- You may wish to use ear/headphones with your device so the sound goes directly into your ears.
- As we don't have use of the hearing assistance devices, if you would like a copy of the worship script emailed to you before worship, please let me know by sending me an email by midnight on Saturday: [heather.janules@winchesteruu.org](mailto:heather.janules@winchesteruu.org)
- Thank you for your feedback about the sound. We are taking steps to address it with this next service.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

- **Family Worship, Friday March 27th at 6:00 PM:** Have a family chalice ready, a candle, and these happy and sad [[link to graphic](#)] faces, stones or beads or beans or colored paper bits for Joys and Concerns. We look forward to gathering virtually!: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship>
- **Potluck Theology on Sunday, March 29th at 4:30 PM:** Everyone is welcome whether you have young children or not. We will have some seasonal thoughts and if you have eggs, food coloring and vinegar to dip dye that is our activity. If you don't have eggs or food coloring, we are also inviting people to create color wheels out of found objects. The link for our gathering is <https://zoom.us/potlucktheology>
- **WUSYG (Youth Group) MEETINGS** WUSYG is stressing physical-distancing but social-connecting! We will now be meeting digitally TWICE a week for \*ZOOMSYG!\* every Sunday, 4:30-6:30 pm, and one additional time during the week. Youth should use this link to join our meetings: <https://hbs.zoom.us/my/haleywegner> Our Sunday meetings will be similar to regular WUSYG meetings, and our Weekday Bonus WUSYGs (WBWs!) will be strictly fun: dance parties, visiting the zoo together virtually, watching movies, open mic nights, and much more!
- **Parent's Check in and Support Groups, Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM and Wednesday, April 1st at 8:00 AM:** Whatever the ages of your children, the challenges of working from home and managing a family, keeping teenagers corralled, the abrupt change in schedules and circumstances - it's all vent/rant/support worthy. These are drop in groups found at <https://zoom.us/ParentsSupportGroup>
- **Online Social Gathering, Tuesday March 31st, 7pm:** Are you ready to travel, be in crowds and attend cultural performances? I am! All are invited to join Marianne DiBlasi for an online social gathering on Tuesday March 31, 7pm. During our time together, we will begin with a check-in, then take a 3:32 minute virtual journey to Krakow, Poland for the vibrant Orfeo & Majnun Festival Aix 2018, followed by an open discussion. The Festival is an inclusive, intercultural and multilingual music theatre project involving multiple art forms representing current social, cultural, and urban challenges. The Zoom Meeting Info is here: <https://zoom.us/j/8948469872> One tap mobile +16465588656,,8948469872# US (New York) And +16699006833,,8948469872# US (San Jose)Please note: this is a different Zoom account than we have been using on Sunday mornings.
- **Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> Coffee Break, Noon-1p:** Use the worship link to take a break from work or refereeing sibling arguments to check in with folks at WUS. In last week's coffee break, we touched on the origins of the term "station wagon," the best over-the-counter pain killer to address COVID-19 fevers, the variety of instruments we have in our homes

but do not play well and then some. Bring your lunch or a hot beverage and join the conversation wherever it might lead! Don't be a fool and miss it...: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship>

## OUR SHARED LIFE TOGETHER

- **Share Your Light:** We would like to create a slide show of our collective candle lighting for the "kindling the light" portion of our service. Please send a short video of you lighting your candle or a photo of your lit candle to Music Director John Kramer at [john.kramer@winchesteruu.org](mailto:john.kramer@winchesteruu.org)
- **WUS will continue to pay all its staff throughout the State of Emergency as if we were still meeting in person.** Thus, for those who are not suffering from financial distress, please continue paying your FY20 pledges. We are also waiting for many members and friends to submit their pledge for FY21. You may do so on-line through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSpledge>
- **Flower Dedications:** As we have moved to broadcasting from home, flower dedications are suspended until we return to the sanctuary.
- **Summer Services:** We are still planning to hold summer services, possibly in this remote format. If you are interested in leading a service this summer, please contact Lee Barton: [lee.barton2009@gmail.com](mailto:lee.barton2009@gmail.com)

I look forward to "seeing" you on Sunday! Until then...and then after...may you and yours be healthy, in mind, body and spirit...

With affection,  
Heather