

Dear Friends,

Here is what you need to participate in the streamed service on Sunday, April 26, 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.

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. As we have for the past few weeks, we will "chat" through typing in the chat function immediately after worship. After about 10-15 minutes of chatting, you will be invited to go into breakout groups for unmuted, actual conversation. Placement will be random by the Zoom program.
 - Steps to begin using Zoom are illustrated in this short instructional video: <u>https://www.youtube.com/embed/vFhAEoCF7jg?</u> <u>rel=0&autoplay=1&cc_load_policy=1</u>

- 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
- Determine how you wish to contribute to the offering:
 - Give+ app on your smartphone. Here is a short tutorial: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAjqUxK8YRk</u>
 - 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: <u>heather.janules@winchesteruu.org</u>

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **The Wednesday Night Meditation Group** is now on-line! See the last issue of Highlights or the WUS website for more details.
- **WUS Yoga** is now on-line! See the last issue of Highlights or contact Fritzie <u>Fritzie.nace@gmail.com</u> for more details.
- NOTE TIME CHANGE! Please join us for Family Worship Friday at 4:30 PM. Have a family chalice ready, a candle, and these happy and sad (<u>link to graphic</u>) faces, stones or beads or beans or colored paper bits for Joys and Concerns. We look forward to gathering virtually. *A note to adults we would like to give the children an opportunity to interact with each other after the service ends. Rebecca will be leaving the room open for another 15 minutes or so and inviting the children to visit with each other. <u>https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship</u>
- WUSYG: We're physically-distancing but socially-connecting, now in 3 different ways a week! *ZOOMSYG!* is every Sunday, 4:30-6 pm, which are similar to our regular meetings; "Weekday Bonus WUSYGs" (WBWs!) are every Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm, which are strictly fun, and "Happy Hour" (unstructured social time) on Fridays at 4 pm. Youth should use this link to ioin all of our meetings: https://hbs.zoom.us/my/haleywegner

OUR SHARED LIFE TOGETHER

• Town Day and WUS Fundraiser Postponed until September 26th What does this mean for us? It means we won't have these added funds for FY'20 as anticipated. But it also means more time to prepare! In addition to the chili dog and pie stand on the front lawn with live music to serenade diners, we will have a "not really a rummage sale" WUS Bazaar in Metcalf Hall. There, we will sell creations of all sorts. What might you offer? Here are some ideas, but please let us know if you have a unique offering and use the <u>Sign Up Genius link here</u> to let us know what you hope to contribute.We will envision a time when we can return to a community in person, perhaps a pie baking party, a jewelry-making soiree, a morning of preparing fermented veggies

together. If you have a craft or creation that you would like to offer, please let me know with a quick email to <u>Fritzie.Nace@gmail.com</u>. THANK YOU!!

- **Connecting with the Office at this Time.** When contacting Thomas or Jenny please send your email to both members of the office staff. By sending your emails to both Jenny and Thomas it will ensure we can respond to your requests in a timely manner. Please let us know if there is any way we can help. Thank you.
- Your Sacred Space Needed: Next week, I will be leading a service about "sacred space everywhere." This whole "worship by Zoom" thing has gotten me thinking about the notion of "sanctuary." As always, I would love to have your contributions to the subject. And photos! Do you have a thing or place in or near where you live you consider "sacred?" What makes it so? Perhaps it is a garden or an antique from a beloved family member or a meditation corner. Send your photos and stories to me at heather.janules@winchesteruu.org Thanks! Rev. Heather
- 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
- And "Decorate the Chancel": As flower deliveries and dedications are postponed until we return to the sanctuary, we invite you to send photos of flowers from your garden or from your daily walks to be included in our services. Email these photos to <u>heather.janules@winchesteruu.org</u>
- We are looking for more "Tech Support" volunteers. If you are Zoom-fluent and would be willing to be on-call Sunday mornings to assist viewers, please let Rev. Heather know.

See you on Sunday... - Rev. Heather

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