

Dear Friends,

Here is what you need to participate in the streamed service on Sunday, April 5, 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
- 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
- Thank you for your feedback about the sound. We are taking steps to address it with this next service.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

- Please join us for **Family Worship Friday 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. And this week, an object or an idea of what you would take with you if you had to leave home forever. We look forward to gathering virtually. <https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship>
- In addition Rebecca Kelley Morgan is hosting two **parent's check in and support groups every week** - one evening and one morning session. **Monday at 8:00 PM and Wednesday 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 drop in groups found at <https://zoom.us/ParentsSupportGroup>
- **WUSYG**: We're physically-distancing but socially-connecting, now in 3 different ways a week! *ZOOMSYG!* every Sunday, 4:30-6:30 pm, which are similar to our regular meetings, "Weekday Bonus WUSYGs" (WBWs!) that will be a bit shorter and strictly fun, and "Happy Hour" on Fridays at 4 pm.
- **The Wednesday Night Meditation Group** is now on-line! See the last issue of Highlights or the WUS website for more details!
- **Mark Your Calendar!** Join us for a short and informal Vespers service on Thursday, April 9th at 6 pm - center, reflect and breathe together...

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
- **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 heather.janules@winchesteruu.org
- **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.
- **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

- **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
- **The WUS Office will be closed on Monday, April 13th**

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