



Dear Friends,

Here is what you need to participate in the streamed service on Sunday, May 17, 2020.

**Note that the Gathering Music is a beautiful longer-than-usual piece so we will begin worship at 10:25:**

**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 during the community greeting and immediately after worship. **As some find chat notifications distracting, please only communicate via the chat during the community greeting and beginning of coffee hour.** After about 5-10 minutes of chatting after worship, you will be invited to go into breakout groups. **These special**

**group meetings will be with members of our youth group.** Join them in discussion of what “home” means to us!

- Steps to begin using Zoom are illustrated in this short instructional video: [https://www.youtube.com/embed/vFhAEoCF7jg?rel=0&autoplay=1&cc\\_load\\_policy=1](https://www.youtube.com/embed/vFhAEoCF7jg?rel=0&autoplay=1&cc_load_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
- 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)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AND GROW

*If you are reading this on Friday...*

- **What We Owe To Each Other: Discussions on "The Good Place" Six Session Series: Every Friday Night from 7-9pm Beginning May 15th** Not every television show touches on human morality, philosophy and the afterlife. Nor does every program include a collection of funny and lovable characters, most of whom are dead and some are neither human nor robot. But The Good Place offers all these things as a way to explore ancient spiritual questions with a light heart. Join Rev. Heather in watching Season 1 and discussing the questions each episode raises. Through an on-line format, we will watch two short episodes in real time and then share our thoughts, reactions and ideas with one another. You are encouraged to participate in the whole series but drop-ins are also welcome. Let Rev. Heather know if you wish to participate: [heather.janules@winchesteruu.org](mailto:heather.janules@winchesteruu.org)
- **Music in the Sanctuary, Saturday, May 16th, at 7:00 PM,** We will present three Beethoven sonatas, performed over live-streaming via Zoom and Youtube by Music Director John Kramer (in the sanctuary). An all Beethoven program! A portion of our donations will go to local area Covid-19 relief funds. See Highlights for more details.

*Sunday and beyond...*

- **"The Power of Myth" discussion group meets this Sunday, May 17th** for a discussion on **"Masks of Eternity" at 12:00 PM.** Please contact Matthew Bronski for login information for the virtual room. He can be reached via [MBBronski@sgh.com](mailto:MBBronski@sgh.com)

- **Calling All Writers!** If you missed the memo, you can join us in week two, after that the group will be closed. The group runs from May 14th-June 18th Thursday mornings 9:30-11:00. Contact Rebecca Kelley-Morgan for information.
- **Winchester Unitarian Society Annual Meeting - Sunday, May 31, 2020** Following the worship service on Sunday, May 31, 2020 the Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom. This will be an abbreviated version of the traditional Annual Meeting to handle the most important articles and postpone completion of additional articles at a Special Meeting to be scheduled on or before September 30, 2020, or as soon thereafter as is safe and practicable. More information about the Annual Meeting will be released in the next few weeks. Thank you.
- **Potluck Theology Returns May 31st at 4:30 PM with a Virtual Picnic!** We will be creating cards and/or posters for (shhhh it's a surprise) Login information will be sent prior to our gathering.

### REGULAR TOUCHSTONES

- **The Wednesday Night Meditation Group is now on-line!** See the last issue of Highlights or the WUS website for more details.
- **WUS Monday Yoga is now on-line!** See the last issue of Highlights or contact Fritzie [Fritzie.nace@gmail.com](mailto:Fritzie.nace@gmail.com) for more details.
- **Family Worship Fridays at 4:30 PM 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 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. <https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship>
- **WUSYG:** We're physically-distancing but socially-connecting: \*ZOOMSYG!\* is every Sunday, 4:30-6 pm, which are similar to our regular meetings, and "Weekday Bonus WUSYGs" (WBWs!) are every Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm, which are strictly fun. Youth should use this link to join all of our meetings: <https://hbs.zoom.us/my/haleywegner>

### OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE AND SERVE

- **Story Time Online:** We are developing a collection of "telling" stories for all ages online, so that families can access them at their convenience. We also would like to have a diversity of storytellers as well. Please contact [Rebecca@winchesteruu.org](mailto:Rebecca@winchesteruu.org) for details.
- **Flower Selfies: June 14th we will celebrate a virtual Flower Communion.** This ceremony symbolizes the beauty we find in community and diversity. We need you to make this service possible! Prepare by taking a photo of yourself or your family with a flower or two and send it to Rev. Heather by June 7th: [heather.janules@winchesteruu.org](mailto:heather.janules@winchesteruu.org)
- **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)
- **We are looking for more Tech Support and Video Coordination volunteers.** Let Rev. Heather know if you are Zoom-fluent and would be willing to be on-call Sunday

mornings to assist viewers. Please also raise a hand if you would be able and willing to manage playing pre-recorded segments during our summer services. Thanks!

See you on Sunday...

- Rev. Heather

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