



Dear Friends,

Here is what you need to participate in the streamed service on Sunday, May 31, 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. 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. Immediately after worship, we will go into breakout groups for a brief time to greet one another before the Annual Meeting begins.** The groups will be formed at random by the Zoom program.

- 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
- 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **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. Please read the documents that are linked below prior to the Annual Meeting. Thank you.

[WUS Annual Report 2020](#)
[Warrant for 153rd WUS Annual Meeting](#)
[WUS Slate for Annual Meeting 2020](#)
[Co-Treasurers' Report](#)

- Please join us for **Family Worship Friday at 4:30 PM.** This week A 7 Principles Garden. Have a family chalice ready, or a candle, or LED light. We look forward to gathering virtually. **A note to adults Rebecca or Heather 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>
- **Being Prepared in the Time of COVID-19: End-of-Life Planning Workshop / Saturday, June 6th, 9:30-11:30 AM - FREE; to be held via Zoom /** Any time is a good time to consider what medical procedures you would choose during a health crisis when you cannot communicate and to "get your affairs in order." The current pandemic, posing unique medical challenges to some patients, makes the need to consider these questions and raise tender issues with your loved ones even greater. Your PCA Team will offer a workshop, outlining the questions to consider and how to legally communicate your wishes, in an open and supportive format. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** and there is light homework to complete before we gather. To register, please click here: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSEOLReg>
- WUSYG Presents "**Take Me Home,**" an all-church event & fundraiser after the service on **June 7th.** Everyone is encouraged to "bring a dish" that reminds you of "home," to enjoy from our homes, together! Just like our after-church potlucks, except you'll be put in breakout rooms to eat and chat with each other, interspersed with musical performances and stories, plus opportunities

to support both local COVID Relief Funds and the Winchester Unitarian Society (a 2nd home for many of us!)

- **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
- **UUA General Assembly – Represent WUS as a Delegate!** A virtual General Assembly will take place June 24-28 this year. The Standing Committee is offering free registration for our five allotted delegates. Fortunately, we have two members that have already expressed interest. If you are currently a member of our congregation and would like to benefit from this transformative experience there is only one stipulation: Your involvement is needed on our Denominational Affairs Committee. This is a two year commitment and we hardily invite your participation. Please contact Betsy Bowles if you are interested - (617) 584-6477; bebowles13@gmail.com
- **Informational Webinars to learn about this year's virtual General Assembly.** At this year's full virtual General Assembly (GA), we will explore the power, possibility, purpose, struggle, and joy of finding the path forward together as Unitarian Universalists. During this time of rapid change, the collective practice of our faith evolves and adapts to follow that path. Whether you're a first-time delegate or a long-time attendee, please join us at a pre-GA webinar to learn about some of these changes. Members of the Board of Trustees will provide an overview of some of the changes, along with information for delegates regarding the business sessions. Registration is required for these webinars. Follow this [link](#) for more info.
- **Annual Review Input Welcome!** We are beginning the annual review process for our leading program and administrative staff - Rebecca Kelley-Morgan, John Kramer, Sam Wilson and Thomas Slack. We welcome input from the congregation. As part of our usual practice, we will not include anonymous feedback. Please send your thoughts to Rev. Heather at heather.janules@winchesteruu.org by May 28th by responding to these questions: How has WUS best served its mission in the past year? How has [the staff person] contributed to these successes? How could WUS have better served its mission? Do you have any suggestions for [the staff person's] programmatic or professional growth?
- **Story Time:** We are building a library of 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 for details.
- **Summer Service Assistance Needed** Things are falling into place for our summer worship services. However, the on-line format warrants different kinds of volunteers than usual. We are looking for:
 - Video Editors: Each recording benefits from a little lighting adjustment, re-centering or trimming on the ends to cut out the eternal question "Is this on?" As summer services will continue to include a mix of live and recorded elements, we are looking for people to "clean up" videos in advance. There is a free, easy-to-use video editing program that makes this possible.
 - Video Coordinators: Prep videos for use in a given service then screen share, press "play" and "stop" at the right time. That's it! Coordinators will need to participate in a rehearsal before worship.
 - Tech Support: We have four members who have been assisting people with the Zoom program but can always use more. Many of us are growing in Zoom fluency! If you are fluent enough to help another along the way, nimble enough to eject any "zooombombers" who decide to parachute into the service and attentive enough to track logon "attendance" we would love to add you to the list. If interested, contact Rev. Heather at heather.janules@winchesteruu.org

See you on Sunday...

- Rev. Heather

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