

Dear Friends,

Here is what you need to participate in the streamed service on Sunday, June 7, 2020:

Link for Sunday Worship: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship">https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship</a>

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. The groups will be formed at random by the Zoom program.
  - Steps to begin using Zoom are illustrated in this short instructional video: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/embed/vFhAEoCF7jg?">https://www.youtube.com/embed/vFhAEoCF7jg?</a>
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- 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: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAjqUxK8YRk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAjqUxK8YRk</a>
  - 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**

- Please join us for Family Worship Friday at 4:30 PM. This week "Breaking News". 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: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/WUSEOLReg">https://tinyurl.com/WUSEOLReg</a>
- Sunday Afternoon: WUSYG presents "Take Me Home," a virtual "potluck" and fundraiser featuring music and stories from our youth. There will be a brief break after worship, then please be ready to "bring" food that reminds you of home at 11:45 to enjoy in small groups via breakout rooms (as if you were sitting with each other at a potluck!) At noon, we will bring everyone back together for our main event: youth will share some videos of things we can all do from home, plus a few musical performances, interspersed with "commercials" for special homemade products you can purchase, too. WUSYG is organizing this fundraiser as a way to give back to the church, a second home for many of us. 75% of the proceeds will be going to the WUS Operating Budget, and 25% will go to the UU Mass Action Covid Relief Fund. Please use this link to donate: , or send a check to WUS, and put "Take Me Home" in the memo/note field.
- Sunday Evening: Winchester Candlelight Vigil for Peace, Unity, and Justice, 6:30-8pnGather outside of the Winchester Unitarian Society or on your porch to silently hold vigil for George Floyd and other victims of systemic racism. Bring your own candle, a sign to hold and a chair if you wish to sit for part of the time. At 8PM we will light our candles and the church bells in town will ring for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. We invite people to post photos/videos of the vigil on social media under #win4justice. We are mindful that COVID-19 is still infecting and killing people, including

- many people of color, so please observe social distancing guidelines and wear masks. The Facebook Event can be found here: https://www.facebook.com/events/277237083425763/
- Flower Selfies: June 14<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>: heather.janules@ winchesteruu.org
- UUA General Assembly Represent WUS as a DelegateA 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.
- 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 <a href="Rebecca@winchesteruu.org">Rebecca@winchesteruu.org</a> 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 "zoombombers" 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