



Dear Friends,

Here is what you need to participate in the streamed service on Sunday, August 30, 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.** 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?>

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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: <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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **From Kye and Marianne:** We've been so thankful to have the opportunity to serve WUS this summer. Even as we've held space in the congregation for emotions both difficult and joyous, we've felt held by the arms of this community — even as we've offered space for moments of ritual, listening and reflection, we've been drawn into deeper connection with the sacred in our time with you. You have blessed us time and again with your thoughtfulness and kind curiosity, nurturing one another and nurturing us, your summer ministers. You take your call to shared ministry seriously, and that has created a warm home for us in this community again and again. We will miss your hearts and your insights, and look forward to sending updates on our lives.
 - **Kye:** I'll leave you with this delicious story from Maurice Sendak, which I think will make you chuckle, and which encourages us to dive into what we love, all the way, with wild abandon: *"Once a little boy sent me a charming card with a little drawing on it. I loved it. I answer all my children's letters — sometimes very hastily — but this one I lingered over. I sent him a card and I drew a picture of a Wild Thing on it. I wrote, 'Dear Jim: I loved your card.' Then I got a letter back from his mother and she said, 'Jim loved your card so much he ate it.' That to me was one of the highest compliments I've ever received. He didn't care that it was an original Maurice Sendak drawing or anything. He saw it, he loved it, he ate it."* May we continue to inspire one another, savoring life as it comes, and may it be colorful and delicious.
 - **Marianne:** And I leave you with these fervent words from Clarissa Pinkola Estes, which invite us into a passionate embrace of beauty: *"Some people mistake being loving for being a sap. Quite the contrary, the most loving people are often the most fierce and the most acutely armed for battle... for they care about preserving and protecting poetry, symphonic song, ideas, the elements, creatures, inventions, hopes and dreams, dances and holiness... those goodly endeavors that cannot be allowed to perish from this earth, else humanity itself would perish..."* May our fierce and beautiful loving be a blessing to ourselves and to all of creation.
- **Greetings from your co-treasurers Sue Kiewra and Judy Murray!** We hope that you and your loved ones are staying healthy and cool this summer season. We wanted to remind you that we're closing in on the end of our fiscal year on August 31st and are looking to you to remit the balance of your pledge by then. If you have an open balance, we mailed you a statement in early July that we hope you received. It has been a challenging year with worries about everyone's health, the economy, the job market, race relations, and the environment. Then there's the matter of paying our bills and our staff! Please let us know if there are circumstances that will prevent you from fulfilling your pledge. Whatever you tell us will be kept confidential and will assist us in making sure we don't keep sending you reminders. We value your contributions of time, talent and

treasure to the Winchester Unitarian Society as we pull together for peace and justice in the world. If you have any questions or comments, please email treasurer@winchesteruu.org or phone the church office at **781-729-0949**. To make a payment, mail a check to the church office at 478 Main St, Winchester 01890 or pay online at <https://www.winchesteruu.org/giving/how-to-give/>. Thank you to all for your donations this year. We're looking forward to seeing you in person when the time is right.

- **Outdoor Open Office Hours:** As of September 3rd, Rev. Heather is offering outdoor open office hours from noon until 2pm (weather permitting) in the Meditation Garden on Thursdays. Come to say hello, to share something on your heart and mind or to greet other members and friends of WUS. Masks required; distance protocols will be followed. If the weather doesn't look great, call the office first to confirm that the outdoor office is open for business – 781.729.0949. We will offer outdoor office hours until winter temperatures begin.
- **Next Sunday, September 6th**, we gather for our annual Animal Blessing service, this year, virtually. Since this is an online service, here are a couple of things for you to prepare in advance. We are creating a slideshow of our beloved dead. Please **send in a photo or two to rebecca@winchesteruu.org, no later than September 3rd** if you would like a visual remembrance to be included. In addition, although we will be offering a spoken blessing, the ritual of blessing is conducted by all at the same time in your homes - please have whatever you consider a meaningful or sacred object representing the elements of earth, air, fire and water nearby (perhaps with your candles).
- **Save the Date – We Believe in Dog is Back!** Saturday, September 19th, 10am: We Believe in Dog is a gathering of WUS members and friends – and their dogs – who walk together in the Fells. You don't need a dog to participate! All participating dogs must be friendly and vaccinated.
 - We next gather on Saturday, September 19th. We will meet at the second of three entrances to the Middlesex Fells on Hillcrest Parkway at 10:00 am and start walking around 10:05. *Our walk will comply with WUS pandemic protocols for outdoor gatherings including a sign-in sheet with a brief symptom survey. Masks – worn properly – are required.*
 - Let Rev. Heather know if you plan to come: heather.janules@winchesteruu.org Please also send your cell number if this is your first walk so we can reach out to you if you are not at the starting point when we are about to begin.
- **WUS Writing Group** Please feel free to come to the WUS Writing Group on every Wednesday from now until September 30th. Meetings will take place over Zoom starting at 9 AM. The exact format and focus of the group will be discussed and determined each week based on how the attendee writers wish to spend the time. No writing experience is necessary – just a desire to write. We look forward to “seeing” you! For more information and the link for the meeting contact Dan [[HERE](#)].

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