

Winchester Unitarian Society
Order of Service
September 27, 2020

Centering Thought

“Yom Kippur...is the day when the world we live in - *malkhut*, the world of creation, which is also the world of brokenness and disconnect - unites with the world above, the world of the transcendent where all is One...On this one day, of all days, the real and the ideal are in communion, if only we're awake to see it.”

– Rabbi Rachel Barenblat, aka “Velveteen Rabbi”

Community Announcements

Martin Newhouse, Worship Associate

- **An Order-of-Service Experiment Coming.** As many congregations have integrated order-of-service information into their virtual services, they have eliminated paper printouts. So, for the month of September, we will have an order-of-service available as usual but will structure the service so you may not need it. Try attending worship without using the order-of-service and tell us what works well and what does not work well. Thank you!
- **Chalice Images and Short Videos Needed:** Thank you for the flower images...We will be set for the season! But we wish to refresh our images for "Kindling of the Light" in on-line worship. Please send your images and short videos of you kindling your chalice at home to Director of Music John Kramer at john.kramer@winchesteruu.org
- **Children’s Religious Education:** As long as the weather allows, we will be meeting on the grounds of Winchester Unitarian Society, with masks and social distancing protocols for everyone’s health and wellbeing. The gatherings will take place Sundays from 12:00 to 2:00, picnic and brief program followed by social time. Park in the back lot and find us on the lawn near the garden.
- **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.
- **Writers Group: September 30th 9-10(ish)** Wednesday morning writer’s group is led and facilitated by Dan Hermes. Dan will be facilitating through early November, so please be in touch if you’d like the url to join the group. Dropping in is fine and invite your writing friends. Dan can be found here at: dan@lexiconsystemsinc.comWUS
- **A PRESENTATION from the YES ON 2 CAMPAIGN - MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020 - 7 PM on Zoom.** [REGISTER HERE](#) - HOSTED BY: [Social Action and Outreach Committee of the Winchester Unitarian Society](#) with the following Co-Sponsors: [Mystic Valley Area Branch, NAACP, League of Women Voters of Winchester, Network for Social Justice](#), and others TBA. - Learn More And Help To Bring Ranked Choice Voting to Massachusetts!
- **Covenant Groups, Affinity Groups, Connections to be made and deepened?** . We would like to hear from you, if you are interested in joining a **covenant group or an affinity group**. Covenant groups usually meet monthly and engage with spiritual reflection materials. Affinity groups are organized around a shared interest or circumstance. Let us know **a)** if you would like to join or move to another covenant group or **b)** if you are interested in affiliating with like minded people. Questions or? Please reach out to Rebecca at Rebecca@winchesteruu.org and let us know what your interests are.

Gathering Music

Consolation No. 4

Louis Lewandowski

Community Welcome

Martin Newhouse

Whole Community Greeting and Good News Roundup Use the “chat” function to greet others in worship and, if you have especially good news, to share it!. Our Chat Covenant: we only write things we would say in person in the sanctuary.

Ringling of the Bell Ringing of the Bell *Today we are called back to worship by the ringing of the bells at our Partner Church in Marosvásárhely, Transylvania on Easter morning.*

Introduction

The Rev. Heather Janules

The Sounding of the Shofar

Including words by Rabbi Isiah Horowitz

The Rev. Joanna Lubkin

Chalice Lighting

Including words by the Rev. Theresa I. Soto

Peter McEntee

If you wish to do so, please read together the words for our chalice lighting and light a chalice at home as we light the chalice.

When some of us are targeted for struggle
Where others benefit and flourish;
When powerful people of ill will
Make us fearful for our safety and our futures;
May we forever remember that
“All of us need all of us to make it.”

We light our chalice -
In affirmation of this truth,
In humility for its challenge and
In gratitude for a Love
Greater than us all.

Hymn

There is a Love

First Reflection

Jonah and the Whale

Rebecca Kelley-Morgan

Blessing

May the light within you shine before you, everyday, everyday.
May the light within you shine before you guide your way, guide your way.
May the love we share surround you and chase your fears away.
May the light within you shine before you, this we pray, this we pray.

Prayers of the People

Kindling of the Light

Consolation No. 5

Louis Lewandowski

You are invited to now light a candle of joy, sorrow or concern.

Meditation

“A Kol Nidrei” by Mark Belletini

Martin Newhouse

Silence

Hymn # 216

Hashiveinu

Offering

This morning, we share our gifts with **the Anti-Defamation League**, whose mission is to "stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all."

You may donate through the smartphone app Give+, through PayPal (<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/winchesteruu>) or by mailing a check to WUS, 478 Main Street, Winchester, MA 01890. Please write or type the date of your offering in the memo line or comment field. Note that contributing soon in lieu of one lump sum for a period of time is easier to process and empowers us to send our collective gift as soon as possible.

Our practice is to invite first-time worship attendees to be our guests. In lieu of a contribution, please complete the Virtual Visitor Card: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSVirVisCard> so we can stay connected beyond this Sunday.

Offertory

L'Chi Lach
Andy Papas, Solo

Debbie Friedman

Affirmation of Shared Ministry *Those who wish to do so are invited to join in reading together the community affirmation:*

We gather not for ourselves alone, but to use our common power to build the Beloved Community within and beyond these walls.

We create and reaffirm this covenant this day - to make justice flourish, to practice compassion amidst difference and to embody transformative love.

Hymn # 217

O Sing Hallelujah

Benediction

From the Elat Chayyim machzor (Abridged and Adapted)

Postlude

Consolation No. 8

Louis Lewandowski

Extinguishing the Chalice *Please join us in reading together the words for extinguishing our chalice:*

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Join the Chat!**Questions for Reflection**

If "all of us need all of us to make it," who are you struggling to see as part of this unity?

Whose circle might you be outside of right now?

What does it look like when all our relationships are whole?

What would it take to make such wholeness happen?

Serving Today

Pastoral Care Associate: Dennis Brett - 781-572-1821
Special thanks to Ivan Correia for serving as Video Coordinator

*This is a Welcoming Congregation, intentionally welcoming
and affirming of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.*

*Each worship service includes wisdom or an artistic
gift from people or communities-of-color.*
