



Dear Friends,

Here is what you need to participate in the streamed service on Sunday, September 13, 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?>

- 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 small vessel (bowl or bottle) of water and a larger one for a water pouring ritual**
 - 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

- **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. The first of our gatherings takes place from **12:00 1:00 PM after the virtual worship service on September 13th, rain date, September 20th**. Bring your waters for water communion to pour into our bowl and then join each other in a picnic lunch and visit Mark **October 4th 12:00-1:00** for our next gathering! For those of you who miss Sunday morning’s **Family Worship, we will be meeting via Zoom at 10 a.m. on Sundays beginning September 27th**. The sessions will not be recorded, and we will have privacy safeguards for our youngest members and their families.
 - If you haven’t been contacted by a member of the religious education committee yet, please let us know when and how to best be in touch by letting Committee chairperson, Naomi Magnoni know at naomimagnoni@gmail.com. We look forward to connecting with you!
- **Blessing of the Screens:** We begin our year with an annual blessing; this year including screens, along with backpacks, totes, bookbags, and laptops for all the ways in which we are part of the world, learning and growing every year. This year's blessing will be virtual, so ready your bags, and your screens to receive a blessing. As in other years, a blessing tag is gifted to all who want them, and will be mailed to you. ALL ages are invited to take part.
- **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!
- **Seasonal Flower Images Wanted** Please send current photos of local flora to Rev. Heather at heather.janules@winchesteruu.org so we can "decorate the chancel"

during virtual worship.

- **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.
- **What We Owe To Each Other: Discussions on "The Good Place"** ANOTHER Six Session Series: Every Friday Night from 7-9pm Beginning September 18th Not every television show touches on human morality, philosophy and the afterlife. Nor does every program include unforgettable and sometimes irreverent characters. But The Good Place offers all these things, exploring ancient spiritual questions with a light heart...This past Spring, a number of WUS community members and friends watched and discussed Season 1 together. We had so much fun, we did an "independent study" of Season 2 over the summer and will soon watch Season 3 again as a class. If you watch the first two seasons first, you are welcome to join us for Season 3! 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. Let Rev. Heather know if you wish to participate: heather.janules@winchesteruu.org
- **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](#)].
- **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? Please reach out to Rebecca at Rebecca@winchesteruu.org and let us know what

your interests are.

- **The Soul Matters Covenant Group Seeks More Participants:** This covenant group, meeting the 4th Thursday evening of the month, is part of the WUS small group ministry program. It explores the monthly themes and utilizes a packet of materials that invites participants into related spiritual practices, personal reflection and engagement with quotes, films and music to further enhance our experience. Group meetings - now on-line - are led through rotating facilitators. Our seven-person group has room for more and Fall is the perfect time to join! If newcomers are willing to commit, the on-line format allows us to welcome people from beyond the local area. Contact Rev. Heather to learn more: heather.janules@winchesteruu.org
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