

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, September 19, 2021

“... The transition from lost to found is never an easy one. It is never easy...because it is not until our situation becomes completely hopeless that we can humble ourselves to the extent of admitting that such a gross mistake was our own.”

— Robert L. Short

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

The Rev. Heather Janules

Note that during this time, the congregation will be briefly visible in the livestream. If you do not want to be seen, please sit in the back pews, marked accordingly.

Ringing of the Bell *We are called back to worship by the ringing of the bell from our Partner Church in Marosvásárhely, Transylvania*

Community Welcome and Announcements

Peter McEntee

Opening Litany

By Cathy Cartwright-Chow

Heather Janules

When arms are extended, please respond with “Here is a place to forgive and to be forgiven.”

First Reflection and Chalice Lighting

“The Weight We Carry”

Heather Janules and Lee Barton

(Many thanks to James Pidacks and Judy Murray for lending raw materials from their gardens for the First Reflection!)

Hymn # 1011*

Return Again

Part 1

Return again, Return again,
Return to the home of your soul.

Part 2

Return to who you are,
Return to what you are,
Return to where you are
born and reborn again.

Prayer

Heather Janules

Kindling of the Light

Stand a Little Taller at Yom Kippur, Ben Winkelman

John Kramer

For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence

Anthem

Elohim Hashivenu, Salamone Rossi

Adult Choir
Chancel stairs

Reading

Anonymous Letter Sent to the Petrified Forest National Park

Peter McEntee

Second Reflection

“Hot Rocks and Conscience Letters: A Modern Parable of Repentance”

Heather Janules

Offering

Peter McEntee

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."

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Offertory*Silent Devotion*, Gershon KingsleyJohn Kramer;
Cheryl Medieros-Nancarrow, solo**Affirmation of Shared Ministry**

Peter McEntee

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.

Benediction**Postlude***Forgiven*, Alexis Ffrench**Extinguishing the Chalice**

Peter McEntee

Please read together the words for extinguishing the 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.

This morning's altar flowers were arranged by Margaret Lowry and are from the WUS gardens. They are in recognition of all the planners and planters, weeders and waterers who contributed their time and energy making our grounds so showy and beautiful.

**Serving Today**

The Rev. Heather Janules, Minister · Peter McEntee, Worship Associate ·
John Kramer, Director of Music · Steve Forcucci, Video Coordinator

Ushers and Greeters: Vicky Coccoluto, Rebecca & John Keller, and Sophia Sid
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Music Notes

Stand a Little Taller at Yom Kippur was released in 2005 by jazz pianist and composer Ben Winkelman. Ben grew up in Australia and currently lives and works in NYC. ♦ The Offertory comes from the Jewish liturgy and was commissioned by the Park Avenue Synagogue in NYC. You will hear the text, "Yih'yu L'ratzon" first in Hebrew and then in English. ♦ *Forgiven* was released in 2018 by British pianist and composer Alexis Ffrench as part of his album *Evolution*. The album is "inspired by the extremes and inherent fragility of the human experience..."

As part of our commitment to racial justice, each worship service includes wisdom or an artistic gift from people or communities-of-color.