

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, September 26, 2021

### Centering Thought

“All successful life is Adaptable, Opportunistic, Tenacious, Interconnected, and Fecund. Understand this. Use it. Shape God.” - From “The Book of the Living, verse 19” in *The Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler

### 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

Stephen Perepeluk

**Welcome Alex Smith Taylor, Assistant Director of Youth Ministries!**

### Opening Words

“Radical Gratitude Spell” by adrienne maree brown

Heather Janules

### First Reflection and Chalice Lighting

“The Divine Spark in Each and Every One of Us”

### Hymn # 118\*

*This Little Light of Mine*

### Meditation

Heather Janules

### Kindling of the Light

*Cloud Cradles*, William Grant Still

John Kramer

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

### Silence

### Anthem

*Be Still My Soul*, John Kramer

Adult Choir

### Reading

An Interview with adrienne maree brown (Abridged)

### Second Reflection

“Emergent Strategy”

Heather Janules

### Offering

Stephen Perepeluk

This morning, we share our gifts with **Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU)**. BLUU provides information, resources and support for Black Unitarian Universalists and works to expand the role & visibility of Black UUs within our faith.

### Offertory

*Adoration*, Florence Price

John Kramer

### Affirmation of Shared Ministry

Stephen Perepeluk

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

“The Book of the Living, Verse 29” by Octavia Butler

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## Postlude

*Liberated Brother*, Weldon Irvine  
Tyson Kamikawa, Sax; Maury Wood, Bass

## Extinguishing the Chalice

Stephen Perepeluk

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.

In-person attendees who have mobility challenges and wish to join Coffee Hour on the Bell Tower Terrace are invited to exit the building via the Main Street door, use the ramp and move to the Terrace via the connecting path.

Livestreaming attendees are welcome to join Virtual Social Hour by logging on to [www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship)

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*The flowers are dedicated in loving memory to Beth O'Donnell by her family.*

### Serving Today

The Rev. Heather Janules, Minister · Stephen Perepeluk, Worship Associate ·  
John Kramer, Director of Music · Steve Forcucci, Video Coordinator  
Ushers and Greeters: Sophia Sid, Fritzie Nace, Lucille Cannava, Claire McNeill  
Pastoral Care Associate: Donna Reed - 781-626-1785

### Music Notes

*Cloud Cradles* comes from Still's collection *Seven Traceries* in which he depicts "The Seven Faces of God." In the forward to the collection, his daughter writes that "Still wrote the *Traceries* after having returned, meditatively, from the inexplicable place where the Soul meets its ultimate Source."

I wrote today's anthem relatively recently and it is an attempt to capture what I think many of us have been feeling over this period of pandemic.

Be still, my soul though all the world confounds you.  
Be still, my soul when all is seeming strange.  
Be still, my soul when all the world seems worn and out of tune.  
While we find turmoil and despair surrounds us all around.  
While we are full of doubt that there is anything that we can do.  
Let peace, calm, rest enrobe you.  
Find strength to bear you on your way.

*Liberated Brother* is the title track of Weldon Irvine's debut album. Irvine is known for his work with vocalist Nina Simone and for having written over 500 songs. This tune was brought to wider circulation by the pianist Horace Silver.

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

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### Nine Principles of Emergent Strategy

From "Emergent Strategy" by adrienne maree brown

Small is good, small is all (The large is a reflection of the small) · Change is constant (Be like water) · There is always enough time for the right work. There is a conversation in the room that only these people at this moment can have. Find it. · Never a failure, always a lesson · Trust the People (If you trust the people, they become trustworthy) · Move at the speed of trust · Focus on critical connections more than critical mass— build the resilience by building the relationships · Less prep, more presence · What you pay attention to grows