

Welcome to Worship!
Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, January 2nd, 2022
January's Theme is "Living With Intention"

Centering Thought

"The path to our destination is not always a straight one. We go down the wrong road, we get lost, we turn back. Maybe it doesn't matter which road we embark on. Maybe what matters is that we embark." —Barbara Hall

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

The Rev. Hank Peirce

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.

Ring 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

Invocation

"The Summer Day" by Mary Oliver

Hank Peirce

First Reflection and Chalice Lighting

Chalice Lighting words by Sylvia Howe (Adapted)

Hank Peirce

Hymn 1*

May Nothing Evil Cross This Door

Meditation

by Theresa Soto

Hank Peirce

Kindling of the Light

Clouds, by John Kramer

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

Silence

Anthem

You Are the New Day, by John David, arr. Peter Knight. WUS Adult Choir

Introduction

Hank Peirce

Second Reflection

Isabelle Kamikawa

Third Reflection

Ivan Correia

Fourth Reflection

Patty Shepard

Offering

Peter McEntee

This morning, we share our gifts with **Winchester Got Lunch**, "provid[ing] healthy lunch foods during the summer for students who may rely on subsidized school-year lunches or who are nutritionally challenged due to unforeseen circumstances."

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text (781) 230-6690** or visit <https://www.winchesteruu.org/giving/how-to-give/> 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.

Offertory

New Year's Song, by Robert Schumann

Affirmation of Shared Ministry *Those who wish to do so are invited to join in the unison 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.

Benediction

by Lois Van Leer

Postlude

The New Rag, by Scott Joplin

Extinguishing the Chalice

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.

Livestreaming attendees are welcome to join Virtual Social Hour
by logging on to www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship

Serving Today

The Rev. Hank Peirce, Sabbatical Minister · Peter McEntee, Worship Associate
John Kramer, Director of Music · Alex Boscovic, Livestream Coordinator

Music Notes:

The British musician John David released *You are the New Day* in 1978. It was later arranged by Peter Knight of *The King's Singers* and this is the choral arrangement we are singing this morning. The song speaks to the daily renewal of life and hope for the future. ♦ *New Year's Song* is alternatively titled *Silvesterlied* and is an homage to St. Silvester, whose feast day is Dec. 31st.

Ushers and Greeters: Sophia Sid and Robin Wolf

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener. Today's PCA is Vicky Coccoluto - 781-729-9313

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