

Welcome to Worship!
Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, January 23rd, 2022
January's Theme is "Living with Intention"

Centering Thought

"The first dream that I remember is of myself holding the hand of an older man, looking over a beautiful and peaceful valley. Suddenly a fox broke cover followed by hounds and strong horses ridden by red-coated huntsmen. The man pointed into the valley and said, 'That my son, is where you're heading.' I soon found that out, I am the fox!" - Phil Russell

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

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

Stephen Perepluk

Invocation

"A Network of Mutuality" by Rev. Martin Luther King

Rev. Hank Peirce

First Reflection and Unison Chalice Lighting

By Rev. Viola Abbitt

As we light this chalice, may it serve to give us clarity of purpose and illumine our way as we set about doing the work of this congregation, in commitment, in cooperation, and in love.

Meditation

By Rev. Jacob Trapp

Rev. Hank Peirce

Kindling of the Light

Time is Your Own, John Kramer

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

Silence

Anthem

The Call, Vaughan Williams

WUS Adult Choir

Reading

from The Leftovers by Tom Perrotta

Second Reflection

Making Something Out of Leftovers

Rev. Hank Peirce

Offering

Stephen Perepeluk

This morning, we share our gifts with the Anti-Defamation League. The ADL is a leading anti-hate organization that was founded in 1913 in response to an escalating climate of antisemitism and bigotry. Today, the ADL is the first call when acts of antisemitism occur and continues to fight all forms of hate. A global leader in exposing extremism, delivering anti-bias education and fighting hate online, ADL's ultimate goal is a world in which no group or individual suffers from bias, discrimination or hate.

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 *Hope in View*, Eric Reed Kirsten Hart, Solo

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.

***Hymn #108** My Life Flows On In Endless Song

Benediction By Peter Rollins of the Ikon Community Rev. Hank Peirce

Postlude *Buoyancy*, John Kramer

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

Rev. Hank Peirce, Minister · Stephen Perepeluk, Worship Associate
John Kramer, Director of Music · Sean Yun, Livestream Coordinator

Ushers and Greeters: Marilyn Mullane, Phil Coonley

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener. Today's PCA is Carol Delaney - 781.507.3366

Music Notes

For the Kindling and Postlude we enjoy some more previews of the new music I've written for the Jazz in the Sanctuary concert next Friday. ♦ *The Call* was originally written for a solo voice and later expanded to a choral setting. The English composer Vaughan Williams sets text by the poet and Anglican priest George Herbert first published in 1633. ♦ Jazz pianist and composer Eric Reed gives us the beautiful and optimistic song *Hope in View*, first recorded on his 2017 album *A Light in Darkness*.

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

**Please rise in body or in spirit*