

Welcome to Worship!
Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, February 6th, 2022
February's Theme is Widening the Circle

Centering Thought

"We must repudiate one of the two, either Christianity with its love of God and one's neighbor, or the state and its armies and wars." - Leo Tolstoy, Address to the Swedish Peace Conference, 1909

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.

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

Invocation St. Marks Church Edinburgh Rev. Hank Peirce

WUSYG Olympic Torch Relay & Chalice Lighting WUSYG [video]

***Hymn #298** Wake Now My Senses

Meditation By Rev. Herbert Vetter Rev. Hank Peirce

Kindling of the Light *Footsteps in the Snow, Claude Debussy*
For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence

Anthem *This Old World, American Folk Tune, arr. J. Kramer* WUS Adult Choir

Reading Hebrews 13:1-3 Peter McEntee

Second Reflection What Kind of Neighbor? Rev. Hank Peirce

Offering Peter McEntee

This morning, we share our gifts with **BLUU (Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism)**. Formed in the wake of several conversations among Black UUs at the July 2015 Movement for Black Lives Convening in Cleveland, OH - the BLUU Organizing Collective is committed to:

- Expanding the power & capacity of Black UUs within our faith
- Providing support, information & resources for Black Unitarian Universalists.
- Justice-making and liberation through our faith

**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.

If you are visiting for the first time, we invite you to be our guest. The most valuable thing you can offer is your completed visitor information card so we can stay connected beyond this Sunday. Those in the Sanctuary may find blank cards in the pew rack in front of you and put your completed card in the plate. Online visitors can fill out the virtual visitor card here: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSVirVisCard>

Offertory *Missing Moon*, Tan Dun

Affirmation of Shared Ministry Peter McEntee
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 Rev. Wayne Arnison Rev. Hank Peirce

Postlude *Friends*, Chick Corea

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.

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

Serving Today

Rev. Hank Peirce, Minister · Peter McEntee, Worship Associate

John Kramer, Director of Music · Alex Boskovic, Livestream Coordinator

If you experience any technical issues with the livestream, please contact the livestream coordinator at wusstreaming@gmail.com

Ushers and Greeters: Susan Woodward, Vicky Coccoluto

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener. Today's PCA is Donna Reed - 781-626-1785

Music Notes

Our Kindling music this morning is the beautiful De Pas Sur la Neige by the French composer Claude Debussy, from his first book of Preludes for Piano. The Anthem is an arrangement of hymn #315 from our hymnal. This tune was first published in 1835 with the name Restoration. The darkness of the melody lends an urgency to the goal, set forth in the text, of “loving thy neighbor.” We missed a small musical tribute to the Lunar New Year last year when we went on line, but I think, given where the Olympics are being held, that it would be good to include the lovely Missing Moon by Chinese composer Tan Dun for the Offertory. And we conclude with Friends, the title track from Corea’s 1978 album.

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