Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, February 20, 2022

February's Theme is Widening the Circle

Centering Thought

"When someone steals another's clothes, we call them a thief. Should we not give the same name to one who could clothe the naked and does not? The bread in your cupboard belongs to the hungry; the coat unused in your closet belongs to the one who needs it; the shoes rotting in your closet belong to the one who has no shoes; the money which you hoard up belongs to the poor." - Basil the Great

Gathering Music Barry Singer

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

Rev. Hank Peirce

Invocation by Eric Kaminetzky

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First Reflection and Chalice Lighting

by Malcolm Quinn

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*Hymn #121 We'll Build A Land

Meditation or Prayer by Jacob Trapp

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Kindling of the Light

Prélude, Reinhold Glière

Barry Singer

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

Silence

Introduction Susan Doubler

Second Reflection Stop Helping, Start Solving

David Blais

Offering

Rev. Hank Peirce

This morning, we share our gifts with **Daniel's Table**. The mission of Daniel's Table is to provide food security services to our neighbors-in-need with dignity and respect. Offering education and opportunity, we are creating a model that opens healthy food channels to promote physical and emotional health community-wide.

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

^{*}Please rise in body or in spirit

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 Hymn To Freedom, Oscar Peterson

Tyson Kamikawa, saxophone

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 Edwin Markham Rev. Hank Peirce

Postlude My Lord, What A Morning (traditional spiritual) Barry Singer

Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Hank Peirce

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 service has ended but our life of service continues.

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

Serving Today

David Blais, Guest Preacher • Rev. Hank Peirce & Susan Doubler, Worship Associates
Barry Singer, Guest Musician • Sean Yun, Livestream Coordinator

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

<u>Ushers and Greeters</u>: Susan Woodward, Lucille Cannava
The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener. Today's <u>PCA</u> is Carol Delaney - 781-507-3366

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