

Welcome to Worship!
Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, April 3, 2022
April's Theme is "Awakening"

Centering Thought

“When you wake up in the morning, Pooh,’ said Piglet at last, ‘what’s the first thing you say to yourself?’
‘What’s for breakfast?’ said Pooh. ‘What do you say, Piglet?’ ‘I say, I wonder what’s going to happen
exciting today!’ said Piglet. Pooh nodded thoughtfully. ‘It’s the same thing,’ he said.”

Gathering Music

Music Director John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting & Welcome Back To Our Children

Colette Drane

We gather in this sacred space, made more sacred in this moment by the presence and attention of each and every one of us.

In a spirit of welcome, I invite those gathered in the sanctuary to greet those attending from home by waving and saying hello from right where you are.

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

Invocation

Skye Boat Song WUS Children’s Choral Kirsten Hart, Director

Chalice Lighting

Hope Kingdon & Our RE Children

RE Leader Appreciation

Sam Wilson, Fritzie Nace, Chair of the Standing Committee

Offering

Anya L'Esperance

This morning, we share our gifts with the Voices of Children Foundation, an organization that has been operating on the frontlines of the war in Ukraine since 2015 to give psychological and psychosocial support to children who have suffered as a result of war operations.

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

Wide Open Spaces by The Chicks

Adah Nordan

Affirmation of Shared MinistryAlex Smith Taylor
Assistant Director of Youth Ministries

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 & Blessing of the Service Trip Travelers
and

Rev. Hank Peirce

Sam Wilson

***Hymn #118**

This Little Light Of Mine

Larkin Gardinier, Bass
Alex Milt, drums

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine....

West Virginia here we come, we're gonna let it shine...

All around the world, we're gonna let it shine...

Extinguishing the Chalice

Hannah McWhan

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

Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group (WUSYG),
Sam Wilson Director of Youth Ministries & Interim Coordinator of Religious Education ·
Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group, Worship Associates, & Rev. Hank Peirce

John Kramer, Music Director, Sean Yun, Livestream Coordinator

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

Ushers and Greeters: Sara Delano, Eli Forcucci, Rebecca & John Keller, Kathy Richardson

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.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*