

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, April 10, 2022

April's Theme is "Awakening"

Centering Thought

"Trust a crowd to look at the wrong end of a miracle every time." - Kurt Vonnegut

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

Marcy Tompson

Invocation

By William Ellery Channing

Rev. Hank Peirce

First Reflection and Chalice Lighting

Words by Jones Very

Rev. Hank Peirce

*Hymn #7

The Leaf Unfurling

Prayer

By Rev Von Ogden Vogt

Rev. Hank Peirce

Kindling of the Light

Meditation No. 10

John Kramer

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

Silence

Anthem

Earth Song by Frank Tichelli

WUS Choir

Words from the Nominating Committee

Reading

Prophets of a Future Not Our Own by *Bishop Ken Untener of Sagnia*, in honor of Archbishop Oscar Romero

Marcy Tompson

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Offering

Marcy Tompson

This morning, we share our gifts with Massachusetts Power and Light, as people of faith, we begin with love. We see the earth not simply as an elegant mechanism, but as a miracle of creation. We see people not only as producers, workers, and consumers, but as unique and precious souls. We see ecological healing and environmental justice as our sacred responsibility. What we hold sacred we will protect.

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

Les Rameaux by Jean-Baptise Faure

Rob Woodin, 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 #10

Immortal Love

Benediction

By the Rev. David O. Rankin

Postlude

I Believe In You

Frank Loesser
Tyson Kamikawa, Sax

Extinguishing the Chalice

Marcy Tompson

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.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

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

Serving Today

Rev. Hank Peirce Minister or Preacher, Marcy Tompson, 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 Margaret Lowry, Kim Foley, Kathy Richardson, Liz Lintz

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

The Alter Flowers today are given In Loving Memory of Zion Song Sid from Sofia Sid

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

Music Notes:

The Anthem this morning is the beautiful *Earth Song* by Frank Tichelli (b. 1958). Mr. Tichelli writes that “it sprung out of a personal need during a time when so many in this country, including myself, were growing disillusioned with the war in Iraq.” We too, weary of war in Ukraine, sing it with compassion for all those afflicted by war these days.

We are pleased to introduce our new bass section leader Rob Woodin, who sings the offertory. *Les Rameux -The Palms* is offered in honor of Palm Sunday, which is celebrated today in the Christian church. Faure (not to be confused with the more famous Gabriel) was a celebrated singer and composer in 19th century France.