

**Welcome to Worship**  
Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, April 24, 2022  
**April's Theme is "Awakening"**

**Centering Thought**

"Do the best you can until you know better.  
Then when you know better, do better." — Maya Angelou

**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** Hank Peirce

**Invocation** by Gary Lawless Maggie Russell

**Chalice Lighting** Words by Rick DeMarinis Maggie Russell

**Youth Choir** Our World, by John Kramer WUS Youth Choir

**First Reflection** The Practical WUS Building Committee

**Meditation** The Spiritual Words of Thich Nhat Hanh Lindy Brown

**Kindling of the Light** A Refuge, Peace Gwyneth Walker John Kramer  
*For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.*

**Silence**

**\*Centering Hymn #1031** May I Be Filled With Loving Kindness

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Anthem** IPCC Report On Climate Change, John Kramer WUS Adult Choir

**Second Reflection** The Vision Phil Coonley

**Offering** Rev Hank Peirce

This morning, we share our gifts with The Mystic River Watershed Association, which was founded in 1972 with a mission to protect and restore the Mystic River, its tributaries and watershed lands for the benefit of present and future generations and to celebrate the value, importance and great beauty of these natural resources.

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** Peace Of Wild Things by John Kramer Cheryl Medeiros-Nancarrow, solo

**Affirmation of Shared Ministry** Rev Hank Peirce

*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 #1064** Blue Boat Home

**Benediction** by Diane Smith Martina Werner

**Postlude** Earth Dance, by John Kramer

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## **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.

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Livestreaming attendees are welcome to join Virtual Social Hour  
by logging on to [www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship)

### **Serving Today**

Rev. Hank Peirce Minister or Preacher, and Worship Associate

John Kramer, Director of Music · Sean Yun, Livestream Coordinator

If you experience any technical issues with the livestream, please contact the livestream coordinator at [wusstreaming@gmail.com](mailto:wusstreaming@gmail.com)

Ushers and Greeters Deb Eiler, Joe Eiler, 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 Vicky Coccoluto– [\(781\) 729-9313](tel:7817299313)

*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:**

For our Earth Day observance this morning, we are reprising music from my Jazz Cantata for Earth Day, which we first performed in 2019. Our Youth Choir gets us started with a song with my own text. The Adult Choir scat sings the summary from the 2018 IPCC Report on Climate Change, and Cheryl will sing a setting of Wendell Berry's Peace of Wild Things. ♪ Gwyneth Walker lives in Vermont and the Kindling music comes from her suite of organ music titled Sanctuary.