

Welcome to Worship
Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, May 1, 2022
May's Theme is "Nurturing Beauty"

Centering Thought

"Sabbath observance invites us to stop. It invites us to rest. It asks us to notice that while we rest, the world continues without our help. It invites us to delight in the world's beauty and abundance."

— Wendell Berry

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

Rev. Heather Janules

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*

Opening Song

Eight Days a Week by Lennon & McCartney

WUS Children's Chorus

Kirsten Hart, Director

Community Welcome and Announcements

Marcy Tompson

Invocation

by Erika Hewitt (Adapted)

Rev Heather Janules

When invited to do so, please respond with *"I am arriving. Together, we arrive."*

Chalice Lighting

by Adrian Graham

Marcy Tompson

Maya and Max Mulder Chalice Lighters

Prayer

Rev. Hank Peirce

Kindling of the Light

The Bird from Kapingamarangi by Chet Baker

John Kramer

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

Silence

Hymn #15

The Lone Wild Bird

Please remain seated

Reading

"Camas Lilies" by Lynn Ungar

Marcy Tompson

Anthem Sing me to Heaven by Daniel Gawthrop WUS Adult Choir

Reflection "Nesting and Questing: Lessons from a Time Apart" Rev Heather Janules

Offering Marcy Thompson

This morning we share our gifts with **Ferry Beach**, a UU retreat & conference center in Maine. Ferry Beach is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a mission "to awaken hearts to explore, grow and renew the spirit of universal love." It is the site of many programs beloved by youth and their families.

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 Little Bird by Edvard Grieg John Kramer

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.

Changing of The Clergy

***Hymn #301** Touch The Earth, Reach The Sky

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Benediction by John O'Donohue Marcy Thompson

Postlude Skylark by Hoagy Carmichael John Kramer

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

Rev. Heather Janules or Preacher, Marcy Thompson 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

Ushers and Greeters Deb Eiler, Joe Eiler, Kim Foley, Sara Delano.

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener. Today's PCA is Kim Foley– (781) 932-9660

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:

We begin this morning with an arrangement of the classic Beatles song *Eight Days a Week*, which reminds us of the love we share here. ♦ *The Bird from Kapingamarangi* is a jazz tune inspired by the Jan Eric Vold's poem. The poem deals generally with the Buddhist concept of nothingness but also a sense of questing to know more answers about life. Of course, the idea of nesting got me thinking of birds – which is where the Offertory and Postlude come in. ♦ In this month of Nurturing Beauty, the anthem reminds us of the ability of music and singing to create beauty and meaning in our lives.