

Welcome to Worship
Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, May 15, 2022
May's Theme is "Nurturing Beauty"

Centering Thought

"Removing ourselves from at least some of our usual routines, for moments or for months, can shift the way that we view our life. It doesn't often require taking ourselves to a literal wilderness in the manner that Jesus did. But his sojourn there reminds us there is wisdom in knowing when to turn toward a place, a person, or a practice that can help us see what we cannot always see under our own power." - Jan Richardson

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*

Community Welcome and Announcements Stephen Perepeluk

Invocation By Susan Maginn (Adapted) Rev Heather Janules

Chalice Lighting By Julianne Lepp

Hymn #64 *Oh, Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today*

Prayer Rev Heather Janules

Kindling of the Light *Méditation, Louis Vierne* John Kramer
For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence

Anthem *My Heart is a Holy Place, Patricia Van Ness* WUS Adult Choir

Reading "UU Lent 2022" by Mr. Barb Greve Stephen Perepeluk

Reflection "Meditations in the Desert" Heather Janules

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Offering

Stephen Perepeluk

This morning, we share our gifts with **House of Peace** in Ipswich, MA, providing “physical and spiritual shelter to victims of war in a small healing community in companionship with adults with special needs, and [providing] education for peace and moral awakening.”

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.

Offertory

Desert Interlude Nathaniel Dett

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 #295

Sing Out Praises for the Journey

Benediction

By Mark Mosher DeWolfe

Postlude

Meditation by Antonio Carlos Jobim

Tyson Kamikawa, sax

Extinguishing the Chalice

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. Heather Janules Minister, Stephen Perepeluk, 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: Brad Steele, Deb Eiler, Phil Coonley, Marilyn Mullane,
The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern
with an attentive listener. Today's PCA is Dennis Brett (781) 729-7787

*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 enrapturing *Méditation* for the Kindling music is by the French composer and organist Louis Vierne (1870-1937) who was the organist at Notre-Dame in Paris from 1900 until his death. ♦ The meditative anthem is both in English: *My Heart is a Holy Place* and Latin: *Cor meum est templum sacrum*). Patricia Van Ness (b. 1951) currently resides in Saco, ME. ♦ *Desert Interlude*, from Nathaniel Dett's (1882-1943) collection of 8 Bible Vignettes, draws its inspiration from the scene in Genesis when Hagar and her son are sent into the Desert of Beersheba by Abraham. It is one of many times when biblical characters are provided for by God in the desert. ♦ We close with the delightful *Meditation* by the great Brazilian composer Antonio Carlos Jobim (1927-1994).