

Welcome to Worship

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, May 22, 2022

May's Theme is "Nurturing Beauty"

Centering Thought

"Love never fails." - Corinthians 13:8

"Make my love like a circle, no beginning and no end." - Ben Abraham

"Love with every stranger, the stranger the better." - Hozier

- Quotes that WUSYG painted on the walls at Big Creek People in Action, WV

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

Adah Nordan

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

Colette Drane

Invocation

Show Us How to Love, Mark Miller

WUS Youth

Chalice Lighting

Hope Kingdon & Our RE Children

First Reflection

"Love Grows"

Written & performed by Rebecca Vernaglia,
& Riley Simpson

Reading

"Spreading love from WV, to MA, and Beyond"

Written and read by Anya L'Esperance

Kindling of the Light

Meditation No. 13

John Kramer

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

Silence

Senior Statements Pt. 1

Brenda Martino, Alex Milt, Izzy Kamikawa, Eli Forcucci

Hymn #1009

Meditation on Breathing

Part 1: Breathe in, breathe out.

Part 2&3: When I breathe in, I breathe in peace,

When I breathe out, I breathe out love.

Larkin Gardinier, Bass

Alex Milt, drums

Senior Statements Pt. 2

Hope Kingdon, Luke Macannuco, Colette Drane,
Max MacKay, Brenda Martino

Offering

Brenda Martino

This morning, we share our gifts with Big Creek People in Action, which has been serving the community of McDowell County in the realms of education and literacy, leadership development, volunteer service, service learning, arts and culture, housing, recreation, and collaborative partnerships. BCPIA's vision of McDowell County is one of empowered and self-sufficient people living in communities that are economically vibrant, democratic, and socially just.

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

Spread Love by Take Six

John Kramer

Affirmation of Shared Ministry

Hannah McWhan

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.

Bridging

Rev Heather Janules, Sam Wilson

Seniors: Some of us grew up in this congregation. All of us found a home here that welcomed us and loved us as we are. Thank you for nurturing us and for helping us to form and strengthen our identities. Thank you for creating the sacred space that gave us so many friendships, deep connections, and meaningful moments in our lives. Even as our bodies eventually venture beyond this community, a part of our hearts will always remain here.

Congregation: We cherish the gifts that you have shared during your time here. We honor your dreams and your visions for who you will become. We encourage you to hold your roots close to your hearts as we set you free to spread your wings.

Young Adults: We welcome you with open arms into this next stage of your lives. We know it is simultaneously exciting and terrifying, but we are here to sway in these winds of change with you. We are with you as you embark to spread love beyond this community. Welcome to young adulthood!

Reverse Offering

Hymn #95

There is More Love Somewhere
There is more love* somewhere. (2x)
I'm gonna keep on, 'til I find it.
There is more love* somewhere.
*hope, peace, joy, love

Larkin Gardinier, Bass
Alex Milt, Drums

Benediction

Adapted from Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Postlude

Nocturne in C minor, Op. 48 No. 1 by Frédéric Chopin

Eli Forcucci, Piano

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.

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

Serving Today

Sam Wilson, Director of Youth Ministries & Interim Coordinator of
Religious Education · Rev. Heather Janules, Minister

John Kramer, Director of Music · Alex Boscovic, 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, Terry Currier

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a
personal concern with an attentive listener. Today's PCA is Carol Delaney (781) 507-3366

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

Notes on Seed Paper Hearts: These handmade items are from paper formed one sheet at a time in Seattle. They are made with 100% post industrial waste and 100% tree-free, acid-free fiber. Embedded in this stick is a unique North American Wildflower seed blend. The seeds include Snapdragon, Petunia, Beardtongue, Daisy, Thyme, Poppy, Foxglove, Catchfly, Maiden Pinks, & Chamomile. Plant directly into the soil in a pot or in your garden. The dirt should be firmed down after sowing and the seeds should not be more than 1/8 inch deep. Keep moist for 4-6 weeks and ensure 4 hours of sunlight each day in order to germinate properly. The plants can grow as tall as 3 feet.