

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, May 29, 2022

May's Theme is "Nurturing Beauty"

Centering Thought

"It's a victory when the weapons fall silent and people speak up." - Volodymyr Zelensky

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

The 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.

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

Peter McEntee

Invocation

Heather Janules

Chalice Lighting

"Sunflower Seeds" by Kim Stafford

Hymn #161*

Peace! The Perfect Word

Prayer

Including words by William Sinkford

Heather Janules

Kindling of the Light

Little Sunflower, Freddie Hubbard

John Kramer

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

Silence

Hymn #159

This is My Song

Please remain seated

Reading

From Volodymyr Zelensky's Address to the US Congress

Peter McEntee

Reflection

"'Glory to the Heroes:' Remembering Across Borders"

Heather Janules

Offering

Peter McEntee

This morning, we share our gifts with the **Veterans Education Project**, an organization that "trains and supports local military veterans to share their personal stories of war and homecoming...[to] provide a bridge between civilian and military worlds."

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

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 *Reverie*, Mykola Lysenko

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.

Benediction Gregory Jones (Abridged)

Postlude *Make Peace*, Brad Mehldau & Pat Metheny

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.

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

Serving Today

The Rev. Heather Janules, Minister · Peter McEntee, Worship Associate
John Kramer, Director of Music Alex Boscovic, Livestream Coordinator

Ushers and Greeters: Deb Eiler, Joe Eiler, Vicky Coccoluto

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

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 *Reverie* is by the Ukrainian composer Mykola Lysenko (1842-1912). He was a central figure in Ukrainian music and national identity and credited with founding a Ukrainian national music tradition.