

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, June 12, 2022

June's Theme is "Celebrating Blessings"

Centering Thought

"We wouldn't ask why a rose that grew from the concrete for having damaged petals, in turn, we would all celebrate its tenacity, we would all love its will to reach the sun...We are the roses, this is the concrete and these are my damaged petals, don't ask me why, thank god, and ask me how"

- Tupac Shakur

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.

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 Thomas Rhodes

Heather Janules

*Hymn #21 & Flower Processional

For The Beauty of the Earth

Chalice Lighting and Flower Dedication

By Norbert Câpek

Lit by the Congregation's Children

First Reflection

"The Boy Who Grew Flowers" by Jen Wojtowicz

Brenna Mayer

Prayer

By Craig Schwalenberg

Heather Janules

Kindling of the Light

The Gardenia, William Bolcom

John Kramer

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

Silence

Hymn # 77

Seek Not Afar For Beauty

Please remain seated

Offering

Stephen Perepeluk

This morning, we share our gifts with the **Nature Conservancy**, "conserving the land and waters upon which all life depends" across the globe.

**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 *The Daisies*, Samuel Barber Brendan Buckley, solo

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.

Second Reflection "Sidewalk Crack Theology"

Anthem *Flowers*, Henry Mollicone WUS Adult Choir

Celebrating Our Living Bouquet *Three Flowers*, McCoy Tyner John Kramer

Benediction By Lynn Ungar (Abridged)

Postlude *Gladiolus Rag*, Scott Joplin John Kramer

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 · Stephen Perepeluk, Worship Associate
John Kramer, Director of Music · Sean Yun, Livestream Coordinator

Ushers and Greeters: Deb Eiler, Sheila Rudolph-Correia

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 339-227-0216; home 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 celebrate Flower Communion with the graceful rags of William Bolcom and Scott Joplin, along with settings of poetry dedicated to flowers by James Stephens (The Daisies) and Emily Dickinson (Flowers). And it is always a pleasure to play the joyful *Three Flowers* by McCoy Tyner.