

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, July 10, 2022

### Centering Thought

*"When you sing, you pray twice"* St. Augustine

**Gathering Music**      *Prelude on the hymn tune "Rhosymedre" by Vaughan Williams*      John Kramer

**Community Welcome and Announcements**      Peter McEntee

**Community Greeting** *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 Words**      To Worship #441      Peter McEntee

**Chalice Lighting**      #362 Rise Up, O Flame      Peter McEntee

**\*Hymn #29**      Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, God of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, hail thee as the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the pain of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the joy of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and planets sing around thee, center of unbroken praise;  
field and forest, vale and mountain, blossoming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest;  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest.  
Ever singing march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.

**Joys and Sorrows** *At this time, you are invited to come forward, light a candle and share a joy or sorrow you carry within. Please note that as this service is being livestreamed, it is available over the internet in the moment and as an archived recording.*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## Silence

## Hymn

*There is a Love by Parker/Norton*

*Please remain seated*

There is a Love holding me,  
There is a Love holding all that I love.  
There is a Love holding all.  
I rest in this Love.

There is a Love holding us.  
There is a Love holding all that we love.  
There is a Love holding all.  
We rest in this Love.

## Hymn Sing

## Offering

Peter McEntee

The offering is a spiritual practice, a collective affirmation of our shared values and commitment to the mission of this liberal religious congregation. Here are the different ways you can donate to the Winchester Unitarian Society.

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.

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## Offertory

**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 #108**

**My Life Flows On in Endless Song**

1 My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I  
hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.  
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

2 What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.  
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

3 When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,  
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!  
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;  
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Benediction** #708 Isaiah 55

**Postlude** *Prelude on the hymn tune "Happy Land" by George Shearing*  
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.

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**Serving Today**

Peter McEntee, Worship Associate  
John Kramer, Director of Music · Sean Yun & Ava Hjorth, Livestream Coordinators

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