

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, July 31, 2022

### Centering Thought

"One can only truly esteem him who does not *look out for himself*."

- Goethe quoted in Beyond Good and Evil by Friedrich Nietzsche

**Gathering Music** Knowledge of Good and Evil by Esperanza Spaulding John Kramer

**Community Welcome and Announcements** Marcy Tompson

**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** From East Of Eden by John Steinbeck Dan Hermes

**Chalice Lighting** from Letters to a Young Poet by Rainer Maria Rilke Marcy Tompson

**\*Hymn #1** May Nothing Evil Cross This Door \*Please rise in body or in spirit

**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.*

### Silence

**Hymn #1002** Comfort Me *Please remain seated*

**Reading** "Three Defining Virtues: Integrity, Courage, and Imagination"  
from Moral Leadership by Robert Michael Franklin Marcy Tompson

**Reading** "My Dear Wormwood"  
from The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis Martin Newhouse

**Reflection** "The Nature of Good and Evil" Dan Hermes

### Offering

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.

**Offertory** Summer Choir

**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 #119** *Once to Every Soul and Nation*

**Benediction** "The Noble Soul" by Friedrich Nietzsche Dan Hermes

**Postlude** Speak No Evil by Wayne Shorter 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.

***\*Please rise in body or in spirit***

**Join the Chat!** Please join us at **Noon**, in-person- in the parlor **and** remotely via Zoom at:

[www.tinyurl.com/wusworship](http://www.tinyurl.com/wusworship)

Our new Owl Camera allows joining remote **and** in-person gatherings in the parlor

We are now able to have post-service meetings using the "OWL" camera that will allow remote participants to be present in the parlor and aware of and able to discuss as a group and visit.

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### **Serving Today**

Dan Hermes, Worship Leader. Marcie Tompson, Worship Associate  
John Kramer, Director of Music - Hannah Waldron, Livestream Coordinator

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