Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, August 14, 2022

Centering Thought

The work of preserving history must be taken on proactively, History must be cultivated and nurtured, or we risk loosing it.
-Clint Smith, How the Word is Passed

Gathering Music Adoration by Florence Price John Kramer

Community Welcome and Announcements

Martin Newhouse

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 Nancy Schrock

Chalice Lighting Martin Newhouse

We are a People of Memory.

As inheritors of our ancestors' legacy, we hold their stories tenderly. Gleaning wisdom from diverse journeys; united in hope for the future. Guide us to trust in love as we kindle this flame together.

-Kinberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson

*Hymn #212 We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle

Reading The Warming of Other Suns, Terry Carter, Medford Poet Laureate

^{*}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.

Holding Silence

Hymn #95 There is More Love Somewhere

Reading Winchester Star, January 25, 1901

Reflection Recovering Black History: New Hope Baptist Church in Winchester

Nancy Schrock

Offering Martin Newhouse

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 Go Down Moses, arr. Harry T. Burleigh 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 #148	Let Freedom Span Both East and West
Benediction	Martin's Wake, Terry Carter, Medford Poet Laureate
Postlude	Juba Dance, by Nathaniel Dett
*Please rise in body or in spirit	

Extinguishing the Chalice

Martin Newhouse

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.

Join the Chat! Please join us at Noon, in-person- in the parlor and remotely via Zoom at: www.tinyurl.com/wusworship

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.

Serving Today

Nancy Schrock - Worship Leader, Martin Newhouse - 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.