

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, September 11, 2022

Water Communion

September's Theme is "Belonging"

Centering Thought

"You hardly knew how hungry you were to be gathered in, to receive the welcome that invited you to enter entirely...You began to breathe again...You learned to sing. But the deal with this blessing is that it will not leave you alone, will not let you linger...this blessing will ask you to leave, not because it has tired of you but because it desires for you to become the sanctuary that you have found." - Jan Richardson

Gathering Music

Sorida by Rosephanye Powell

WUS Adult Choir

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

Marcy Tompson

With a special welcome from UUA President, the Rev. Susan Frederick Gray

You may also review weekly announcements at www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

*Hymn 118

This Little Light of Mine

Grey Hymnal

Opening Story and Chalice Lighting

Lit by the Congregation's Children

Heather Janules

Welcome Religious Educators!

[Sam Wilson](#), Director of Youth and Children's Ministries;
Brenna Mayer, Children's Religious Education Coordinator and
Alison Luck, Assistant Director of Youth Ministries

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

“The Well of Belonging” - Part I

Based on a Water Communion tale by
Layne Hammock, Adapted by Brenna Mayer

Kindling of the Light

Raindrop Prelude by Frédéric Chopin

John Kramer

You are welcome to come forward and light a candle in recognition of a joy, sorrow or concern you hold within. Those attending by livestream are invited to light a candle at home. For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand. In this time of reflection, we especially remember those lost and impacted by the events on September 11, 2001

Silence

“The Well of Belonging” - Part II

*Hymn # 331

Come, Sing a Song With Me

Grey Hymnal

“The Well of Belonging” - Part III

Homily

After the Drought

Heather Janules

Offering

Marcy Tompson

This morning, we share our gifts with the **Mystic River Watershed Association**, whose mission is “to protect and restore the Mystic River, its tributaries and watershed lands for the benefit of present and future generations and to celebrate the value, importance and great beauty of these natural resources.”

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.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Offertory

Rivers of Grace by Carla Gates

arr. John Kramer

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.

The Gathering of the Waters

Water from an Ancient Well

Abdullah Ibrahim

When invited to do so, please come forward to pour your water into one of the common bowls. If you do not have water with you, it will be provided. Please raise your hand if you would like someone to come to your seat to collect your water.

***Hymn #1007**

There's a River Flowin' in my Soul

Teal Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude

Wave by Antonio Carlos Jobim

Tyson Kamikawa, Sax;
Steve Forcucci, guitar;
John Kramer, piano

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*

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

Flower Dedication: The altar flowers are dedicated in honor of Ellen Lang, in celebration of her birthday this Saturday and wishing her swift healing after knee surgery, by her children Miles and Emmy Lang-Kennedy

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Sophia Sid, Lucille Cannava,

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 available also by phone @ 339-227-0216

MarcyTompson, Worship Associate
Sean Yun and Jay Kwan, 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.