

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, September 25, 2022

September's Theme is "Belonging"

Centering Thought

"Death with character has dignity, without it, every breath is burden." — Abhijit Naskar

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

Martin Newhouse

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

Invocation

By Kristin Grassel Schmidt (Abridged)

Heather Janules

Chalice Lighting

By Adrian L. H. Graham

*Hymn #217

O Sing Hallelujah

Gray Hymnal

First Reflection

A Sack of Potatoes

Brenna Mayer,
Coordinator of Children's Religious Education

Blessing

The Light Within

John Kramer

As children and teachers leave for Religious Education, the community is invited to sing them on their way!

May the light within you shine before you, everyday, everyday.

May the light within you shine before you guide your way, guide your way.

May the love we share surround you and chase your fears away.

May the light within you shine before you, this we pray, this we pray.

At this point, those remaining in the Sanctuary may gather "mask optional."

Those wishing to sit among people wearing masks may join the Choir in the first few rows.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Responsive Reading #634

“On Turning” by Jack Riemer

Heather Janules

Now is the time for turning.

The leaves are beginning to turn from green to red and orange.

The birds are beginning to turn and are heading once more toward the South.

The animals are beginning to turn to storing their food for the winter.

For leaves, birds, and animals turning comes instinctively.

But for us turning does not come so easily.

It takes an act of will for us to make a turn. It means breaking with old habits.

It means admitting that we have been wrong; and this is never easy.

It means losing face; it means starting all over again; and this is always painful.

It means saying: I am sorry.

It means recognizing that we have the ability to change. These things are hard to do.

But unless we turn, we will be trapped forever in yesterday's ways.

God, help us to turn - from callousness to sensitivity, from hostility to love, from pettiness to purpose, from envy to contentment, from carelessness to discipline, from fear to faith.

Turn us around, O God, and bring us back toward You.

Revive our lives, as at the beginning.

And turn us toward each other, God, for in isolation there is no life.

Kindling of the Light

Stand a Little Taller on Yom Kippur by Ben Winkelman

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.

Silence

Hymn 1011

Return Again

Teal Hymnal

Please remain seated.

Reading

A Jewish Folklore Tale, As Recalled by Rabbi Ari Margolis

Martin Newhouse

Anthem

Avinu Malkeinu by Max Janowski

WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection

“High Holy Days: The Quest for Character”

Heather Janules

Offering

Martin Newhouse and Fred Yen, Winchester Farmers Market Manager

This morning, we Share the Plate with **The Anna LaViolette SNAP Matching Fund**. “‘Anna’s Fund’ was created to honor the memory of Anna LaViolette. She embodied the spirit of what the Market aspires to be: always welcoming, inquisitive, and vibrant. She was a strong believer in [the Market’s] mission of providing healthy, fresh food to all families. Through Anna’s Fund the Winchester Farmers Market doubles SNAP benefits up to \$15 per customer card, per market day.”

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

Yih’yu L’ratzon by Ernst Bloch

Cheryl Medeiros-Nancarrow, soloist

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 #215**

Praise to the Living God

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

by Debra Haffner

Postlude

Prelude for Rosh Hashanah by Louis Lewandowski

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

Flower Dedication: *Today's altar flowers celebrate the life of long-time WUS member Rick Hochman (1943-2021) and all those who, by their example, teach us how to live with integrity.*

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Sophia Sid, Sara Delano

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener. Today's PCA is Vicky Coccoluto 781-729-9313

John Kramer, *Director of Music* ☒ Heather Janules, *Parish Minister* ☒ Brenna Mayer, *Coordinator of Children's Religious Education* ☒ Martin Newhouse, *Worship Associate* ☒
Jay Kwan, *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.

Music Notes:

The *Avinu Malkeinu* is a prayer read or sung during the ten days of Repentance, the period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It is prayer of supplication to God, "Our Father, our King", and asks for forgiveness from our transgressions, and for relief from disease, war, hunger and forms of oppression. Max Janowski was born in Berlin in 1912 but lived and worked in Chicago for most of his career. He passed away in 1991. The Offertory is a more general Jewish prayer, here in a setting by the Swiss composer Ernst Bloch: "May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable unto you O Lord, my rock and my redeemer".