

♥️ **welcome TO WORSHIP!** ♥️

WINCHESTER UNITARIAN SOCIETY • SUNDAY, 9-11-2022

💧 *water communion* 💧

SEPTEMBER'S WORSHIP THEME IS "BELONGING"

🎵 **GATHERING MUSIC** 🎵

We listen to music and prepare our hearts for the service.

👋 **INVITATION TO GREETING** 👋

We say hi to the people near us.

🔔 **RINGING OF THE BELL** 🔔

😊 **COMMUNITY WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 🗣️

We welcome and include everyone, and then we hear about some upcoming community events.

🎵 **INVOCATION** 🎵

We are welcomed into worship.

🎵 **HYMN #118** 🎵

"THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE" 💡

We all stand up and sing together. You can dance, too!

🔥 **OPENING STORY & CHALICE LIGHTING** 🔥

Members of the VICC Section will go up front to hear a story, and then stay up front to help light the chalice.

📖 **WELCOME RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS** 🍎

We learn about who some of our leaders are going to be this year.

✉️ **THE WELL OF BELONGING PT. 1** 🙏

We listen to a story and we also get to act in it!

🕯️ **KINDLING OF THE LIGHT** 🕯️

We listen to music and light candles and think about our own joys and concerns.

🤫 **SILENCE** 🤫

Everybody is quiet together.

THE WELL OF BELONGING PT. 2

We listen to a story and we also get to act in it!

HYMN #331 "COME SING A SONG WITH ME"

We all stand up and sing together. You can dance, too!

THE WELL OF BELONGING PT. 3

We listen to a story and we also get to act in it!

HOMILY

Rev. Heather shares some words of wisdom. This is also a good time to work on the things in your pew packs.

OFFERING

We share what we have to make a difference in the world. This is when we get to turn our creations in.

OFFERTORY

We listen to a song while the offering is collected.

AFFIRMATION OF SHARED MINISTRY

We all agree to a common purpose as a community by saying the following words together:

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

This is when we get to pour our water into the containers in the front, and then everyone's water joins together, just like all of us are coming together as a community.

HYMN #1007 (Teal Hymnal) "THERE'S A RIVER FLOWIN' IN MY SOUL"

We all stand up and sing together one final time as a community. You can dance, too!

BENEDICTION

We are sent into the world with love.

POSTLUDE

We listen to one last song.

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

We all say the final words of the service together before extinguishing the flame:

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.