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How do we balance our deeply held value of individual freedom of belief with the collective good we strive for in our covenant?

Values and Covenants: Justice, Generosity, Evolution,
Pluralism, Equity and Interdependence

You are invited to provide feedback to the Article II Commission by November 28th via this on-line form:
www.tinyurl.com/Article2Feedback

Offering

Martin Newhouse

This morning, we share our gifts with the **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI,)** whose mission is to promote "advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives."

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

Change, Christina Aguilera

Kirsten Hart, solo

Testimonial and Invitation

Gay Mohrbacher

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.

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, November 13, 2022
November's Theme is "Change"

Centering Thought

"The new Principles and Purposes should guide us in the transformation of ourselves, our communities and our faith into active networks of collective care, restoration, and justice. The Principles and Purposes you will prepare should be a living document that challenges Unitarian Universalists to place the liberation, in all its dimensions, of all, at the center of our lives...They should ask us to choose Love in Action as the path forward." - From the charge to the Article II Study Commission

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

The Rev. Heather Janules

In person attendees: Note that 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. Livestreamers: Please let us know who you are and what's on your mind by sending an email to checkingin@winchesteruu.org

Ring 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 Gretchen Haley (Abridged)

Heather Janules

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Chalice Lighting Draft Section C 2.2- “Values and Covenant”

***Hymn #361** *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In* Gray Hymnal

First Reflection *Guest at Your Table* Neighboring Faiths Class

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.

Responsive Reading by Scott Alexander (Adapted)

In a world with so much hatred and violence,
We need a religion that proclaims the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

In a world with so much brutality and fear,
We need a religion that seeks justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.

In a world with so many persons abused and neglected,
We need a religion that calls us to accept one another and encourage one another to spiritual growth.

In a world with so much dogmatism and falsehood,
We need a religion that challenges us to a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

In a world with so much tyranny and oppression,

We need a religion that affirms the right and conscience and the use of the democratic process.

In a world with so much inequity and strife,
We need a religion that strives toward the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

In a world with so much environmental degradation,
We need a religion that advocates respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

In a world with so long a history of systems built on inequity,
We need a religion that works to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantles racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

In a world with so much uncertainty and despair,
We need a religion that teaches our hearts to hope, and our hands to care.

Kindling of the Light *Autumn Song,* Pytor Tchaikovsky

For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence

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

Visual Meditation “What Are Your Hopes for Unitarian Universalism?”
(Abridged)

Anthem *Lord, I Know I’ve Been Changed* arr. Bruce Moore

Community Reflection and Conversation

Livestream attendees may participate with each other in real time through this online document: tinyurl.com/Article2reflection

Or you may download this document at home and complete it