

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, February 19 2023

February's Theme is "Love"

### Centering Thought

"In some Christian traditions, in preparation for the celebration of Easter, the faithful make a personal sacrifice as a way of bringing them closer to God, and reminding them of the sacrifices that Jesus and his followers made. However, rather than engage in a practice of self-denial, this is an invitation to spend the Season of Lent engaged in a spiritual discipline of deep intention and appreciation of our world, our place in it, and an openness to Grace in our daily lives."

- The Rev. Mr. Barb Greve, co-creator of #UULent

**Hospitality Note:** We may open the windows during worship to increase air circulation. You may wish to have your coat handy or choose a seat close to the center of the Sanctuary to remain warm.

### Gathering Music

Barry Singer

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings)

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Invocation** By Lindasusan Ulrich (Abridged) Heather Janules

**Chalice Lighting** By Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson

**\*Hymn #92** *Mysterious Presence, Source of All* Gray Hymnal

**First Reflection** *Frederick* by Leo Lionni Brenna Mayer

**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.*

**Meditation** "Singing Out for Love's Return" by Jake Morrill

**Kindling of the Light** *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child*  
traditional spiritual, arr. Kaiser  
*For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.*

### Silence

**\*Hymn #352** *Find a Stillness* Gray Hymnal  
*Please remain seated*

**Reading** "Beloved is Where We Begin" by Jan Richardson

**Anthem**      *Draw Us Near*, Joel Thompson      WUS Adult Choir

**Second Reflection**      “#UULent: A Season of Reflection”  
Heather Janules

**Offering**      Martin Newhouse

This morning, we share our gifts with **Common Cathedral**. They articulate their purpose as offering a weekly outdoor worship service on the Boston Common as "an accessible, inclusive, and lively celebration of scripture, inviting our congregation of unhoused and housed people to worship together. No matter the weather, we begin with a meal service, where members of housed congregations... bring lunch to share with everyone. Shortly after we feed our bodies, we then, feed our spirits, side-by-side, in worship."

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**      *The Single Petal of a Rose*, Duke Ellington

**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 #94**      *What is This Life?*      Gray Hymnal

**Benediction**      By Eric Williams

**Postlude**      *O Waly Waly*, traditional folk tune, arr. Yowell

**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.

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**Flower Dedication:** *Today's flowers are dedicated to all those seeking spiritual reflection and awakening this Lenten season.*

**Serving Today**

Ushers and Greeters: Marilyn Mullane, Patty Cameron, Naomi DeLairre and Gordy McIntosh

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener.

Today's PCA is [Carol DeLaney](#) (781) 507-3366

Barry Singer, *Guest Musician* · Martin Newhouse, *Worship Associate* · The Rev Heather Janules, *Parish Minister* · Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* · Jay Kwan and Griffin Correia, *Livestream Coordinators*

**WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members**

Vicky Coccoluto, Ivan Correia, Terry Currier, Terrill Levering (Clerk,) Gordy McIntosh (Co-Chair,) Claire McNeill, Fritzie Nace (Co-Chair,) Martin Newhouse, Brad Steele (Treasurer,) Marcy Tompson and George "Woody" Wood

Contact your Standing Committee via [SC@winchesteruu.org](mailto:SC@winchesteruu.org)

*As part of our commitment to racial justice, each worship service includes wisdom or an artistic gift from people- or communities-of-color.*

# 2023 Photo a Day

Join a Unitarian Universalist practice of Lent! Each day, Unitarian Universalists and our friends and family intentionally reflect on a daily word, carry our awareness throughout the day, and capture an image that represents the word for us. We share our reflections and images on social media with the hashtag #UULent. On Sundays, we challenge each other to reflect on the daily word and also embody and enact it in our lives. (Created by Rev. Mr. Barb Greve; designed by Alex Kapitan)

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<b>FEBRUARY</b>		22 resilience	23 learn	24 liberation	25 spark	26 justice
	27 relationship	28 stillness				
<b>MARCH</b>		1 humility	2 connection	3 perspective	4 reverence	5 interdependence
6 teach	7 challenge	8 tomorrow	9 commitment	10 integrity	11 freedom	12 equity
13 change	14 imperfect	15 worship	16 reflection	17 growth	18 anticipation	19 transformation
20 centered	21 respect	22 curiosity	23 exploration	24 meaning	25 sacred	26 pluralism
27 care	28 mutuality	29 solidarity	30 grace	31 abundance		
<b>APRIL</b>					1 appreciate	2 generosity
3 faith	4 fire	5 flourish	6 diverse	7 grief	8 heart	9 love

Post your photo and text to your own Facebook and/or Instagram account with both hashtags:  
#UULent      #WUSUULent

Facebook users: If you are not already a member of the Winchester Unitarian Society Members and Friends FB group, please join and post your contributions there too.

If you have neither a Facebook or Instagram account, please email your photo and text to Rev. Heather who will post them on your behalf: [heather.janules@winchesteruu.org](mailto:heather.janules@winchesteruu.org)

A few of the week's submissions will be shared in worship during the Offertory in the Sundays leading up to Easter.