

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.

Flower Dedication: This Sunday's flowers celebrate the many gifts each and all bring to community. Love in abundance!

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Brad Steele, Jeanne Johnson and Michelle Johnson

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

Today's PCA is Lee Barton @ 603 845 8767

John Kramer, *Director of Music* · Marcy Tompson, *Worship Associate*
· Heather Janules, *Parish Minister* · Brenna Mayer, *Religious Education Coordinator* · Jay Quan, *Livestream Coordinator*

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**

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

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, February 5, 2023
February's Theme is "Love"

Centering Thought

"It is a miracle that no one is ever empty-handed; there is enormous power in having no possessions but the self to give and to receive what can be and become.." — Tet Gallardo

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

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

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

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

Invocation

Heather Janules

By adrienne maree brown (Adapted) and Sarah Gibb Millspaugh

Chalice Lighting

By Erik Walker Wikstrom (Adapted)

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

***Hymn #6** *Just As Long As I Have Breath* Gray Hymnal

First Reflection *Knowing Abundance* 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 "The Chalice of Our Being" by Richard S. Gilbert

Kindling of the Light *I Giorni*, Ludovico Einaudi
For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence

***Hymn #34** *Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire* Gray Hymnal
Please remain seated

Reading "Abundance and Gratitude" by Jack Kornfield(Abridged)
Marcy Tompson

Anthem *O Love*, Elaine Hagenberg WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection "The Geography of Generosity" Heather Janules

Offering Marcy Tompson

This morning, we share our gifts with **The Tanner Closet**, a program at Woburn High School. Through community partnerships, this student-run program provides food and supplies, emergency support and the makings for festive holiday and prom celebrations to student peers in need. Recipients are anonymous.

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 *Giving Receiving*, Lars Jansson

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 #95** *There is More Love Somewhere* Gray Hymnal

Benediction By John C. Morgan

Postlude *I Hear a Rhapsody* Fragos, Baker, and Gasparre
Tyson Kamikawa, Sax