

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, March 12, 2023

March's Theme is "Vulnerability"

Centering Thought

"Children learn more from what you are than what you teach."

—attributed to W.E.B. Du Bois

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

Ivan Correia

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

Invocation

By Lindasusan Ulrich (Abridged)

Heather Janules

Chalice Lighting

By Andrew Pakula

*Hymn #12

O Life That Maketh All Things New

Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection

I Color Myself Different by Colin Kaepernick

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

"Brick by Brick" (Adapted) by Meg Barnhouse

Kindling of the Light

Samsara (For Wayne)

Terri Lynn

Carrington

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

Silence

*Hymn #86

Blessed Spirit of My Life

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Reading

"What...is the Purpose of This Church?" by Jessica York

(Abridged)

Ivan Correia

Solo

Heaven by Duke Ellington

Cheryl Medeiros-Nancarrow, Solo

Second Reflection

"Educating for Liberation"

Heather Janules

Offering

Ivan Correia

This morning, we share our gifts with **the International Convocation of UU Women** for their campaign to fund education for Ukrainian refugee children in Romania. From the campaign: "22 school-age children are learning to read and write in Ukrainian Cyrillic, in accordance with the national curriculum of Ukraine...In addition...the refugee children study math, English, music, physical education, and arts and crafts. They also receive a warm meal daily." Teacher salaries, space rentals and meals total \$6K/month.

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text (781) 230-6690** or visit www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline
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

Time and Time Again by Marian McPartland

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 #205

Amazing Grace

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

By Sophia Betancourt

Postlude

Festal March by Florence Price

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: *Today's altar flowers are dedicated to Vicky Cocoluto whose service as a Pastoral Care Associate is a tribute to friendship and our blessed community.*

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Terrill Levering, Ryan Levering,

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener.
Today's PCA is Donna Reed @ 781-626-1785

John Kramer, *Director of Music* ☑ Ivan Correia *Worship Associate*☑
The Rev. Heather Janules, *Parish Minister*☑ Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* ☑Sean Yun and Griffin Correia, *Livestream Coordinators*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

Vicky Cocoluto, 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.

Music Notes:

As we explore the #UU Lent theme of Equity, I offer two selections from a publication originating from Berklee's Institute for Jazz and Gender Justice. Their director, Terri Lynne Carrington - distinguished drummer and composer - gives us a wonderful tribute to the great saxophonist Wayne Shorter who passed away last week at the age of 89. Wayne was a longtime practitioner of Nichiren Buddhism. Also from that collection is music from the great pianist, composer, and radio show host, Marian McPartand. Part of my education, as a UU music director, has been around "decentering whiteness in our music programs". In this vein, we offer not only music by Terri Lyne Carrington, but Duke Ellington and Florence Price.