# Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, April 23, 2023

April's Theme is "Resistance"

Livestream Attendees: To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue, email <a href="mailto:checkingin@winchesteruu.org">checkingin@winchesteruu.org</a> or call the WUS Office - 781.729.0949

### **Centering Thought**

"Come to the meadow to visit me, Down by the roots of a tree. Waste not your tears on the stone cold graves. Water a flower for me. Give me to the earth when my winter comes. Bury me deep in the ground. Mark not my place with statues or caves.

Find me where life can be found." - Laurana Brown

Gathering Music John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

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**You may also review weekly announcements at

www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

**Invocation** By Anne Hillman Martha Dallas

**Chalice Lighting** By Leslie Pohl-Kosbau Lit by Sarah Milt

\*Please rise in body or in spirit

\*Hymn #301 Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky Gray Hymnal

First Reflection Cry Heart, But Never Break

By Glenn Ringtved, Illustrated by Charlotte Pardi Martha Dallas and Heather Janules

**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** By Michael Leunig

**Kindling of the Light** Sleep Well, Carlos Slmon For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

#### Silence

**Hymn #16** 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple Gray Hymnal Please remain seated

Reading "The Movement to Bring Death Closer" (Abridged)

By Maggie Jones; *The New York Times*, December 19, 2019

Anthem Turn the World Around, Harry Belafonte WUS Adult Choir

**Second Reflection** "Reclaiming Our Dead and Their Death"

Martha Dallas

**Offering** Peter McEntee

This morning, we Share the Plate with the **Hospice and Palliative Care Federation of Massachusetts**, connecting individuals with organizations providing compassionate end-of-life resources and care for patients and their families.

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text (781) 230-6690** or visit <a href="www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline">www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline</a>
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**Let Beauty Awake
R. Vaughan Wiliams
Rob Woodin, Baritone

**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 #1064 Blue Boat Home Teal Hymnal

**Benediction** By Barbara J. Pescan (Adapted)

**Postlude** Magnolias , Nathaniel Dett

#### **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: The altar flowers welcome guest speaker
Martha Dallas and celebrate the human capacity
to honor life through how we respond to death

### **Serving Today**

<u>Ushers and Greeters</u>: Fritzie Nace, Steve Forcucci, Barbara Keyes and Terry Currier

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

Today's PCA is Kim Foley @ 339-227-0216

John Kramer, *Director of Music* · The Rev. Heather Janules, *Parish Minister* · Peter McEntee, *Worship Associate* · Martha Dallas, Guest Speaker; Life-Cycle Celebrant · Jay Kwan, *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.

#### **Music Notes:**

Harry Belafonte speaks eloquently about the African roots of *Turn the World Around* and how the fire (sun), water and earth, along with our human relationships all work to turn the world around. ♦ The Kindling music is a tribute to the great jazz pianist and composer Ahmad Jamal, who passed away this week at the age of 92. ♦ The Offertory is a setting of the poem by Robert Louis Stevenson, from his *Songs of Travel*. ♦ And the postlude, from the *Magnolia Suite* of Dett, is a tribute to those wonderful trees, now just past their peak.