

## 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 [checkingin@winchesteruu.org](mailto:checkingin@winchesteruu.org) 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

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

Peter McEntee

You may also review weekly announcements at [www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings](http://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 Simon

*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



### **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.