

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, April 30, 2023

April's Theme is "Resistance"

Livestream Attendees: To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue, email checkingin@winchesteruu.org or call the WUS Office 781.729.0949

Centering Thought

"If you know how to make good use of the mud, you can grow beautiful lotuses. If you know how to make good use of suffering, you can produce happiness."— Thich Nhat Hanh

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

Marcy Tompson

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

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

Marcy Tompson

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

Invocation

By Gretchen Haley

Ivan Correia

Chalice Lighting

By Max Coots

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

*Hymn #7

The Leaf Unfurling

Gray Hymnal

First Reflection

The Little Book of Joy

Brenna Mayer

by Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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."

Meditation

"Meditation on Broken Hearts" By Thomas Rhodes

Marcy Tompson

Kindling of the Light

Impromptu in Gb Major, Franz Schubert

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

Silence

Hymn

There is a Love

Beth Norton/ Rebecca Parker

Please remain seated

*There is a Love holding me/us.
There is a Love holding all that I/we love.
There is a Love holding all.
I/We rest in that Love.*

Reading Marcy Tompson and Ivan Correia
By Barbara Myers in "Held: Showing Up for Each Other's Mental Health"

Anthem *I've Got Peace Like a River*, arr. J. Kramer WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection "Pain and Joy" Ivan Correia

Offering Marcy Tompson

This morning, we share our gifts with the **MA Association for Mental Health**, whose mission is to "advance mental health and well being by promoting prevention, early intervention, effective treatment and research to address social, emotional, and mental health challenges [and to] eliminate stigma and discrimination and ensure full social, economic, and political inclusion in all aspects of community life."

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 *Frühlingsgaube (Faith in Spring)*, Franz Schubert
Brendan Buckley, Tenor

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 James Morison

Postlude *L'Isle Joyeuse*, Claude Debussy

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 chancel flowers celebrate this afternoon's visit by State Senator Jason Lewis

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Gordy McIntosh, Pete Baldwin, Gloria Legvold and Susan Woodward

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener.
Today's PCA is Vicky Coccoluto @ 781-729-9313

John Kramer, *Director of Music* · Ivan Correia, *WUS Member and Worship Leader* · Marcy Tompson, *Worship Associate* · Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* · Griffin Correia, *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:

The Austrian composer Franz Schubert is known for his exquisite melodies; he also suffered from mood swings and extreme sorrow.

He is quoted as saying: *"My compositions spring from my sorrows.*

Those that give the world the greatest delight were born of my deepest griefs." And so it feels so fitting to present his music here in this service. The Kindling Music is the third *Impromptu* from a set of four written in 1827. The Offertory, *Frühlingsgaube (Faith in Spring)* was written in 1820 and sets a poem by Johann Uhland. The text invites is to set aside our sorrows and put your faith in the renewal of springtime. ♦ I've been looking forward to presenting the postlude for sometime - Debussy's wonderful "Island of Joy". Listen for how the expansive, joyful theme emerges from mysterious clouds surrounding the island.