

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, May 21, 2023

May's Theme is "Creativity"

**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

"Sometimes it's the journey that teaches you a lot about the destination." - Drake

### Gathering Music

John Kramer

### Invitation to Greeting

Meera Boukari

*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

Celia Oslakovic

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

### Invocation

By Tess Baumberger The Rev. Heather Janules

**Community Response:** *We travel this road together*

### Chalice Lighting

By Kathryn Estey

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

### \*Hymn #118

*This Little Light of Mine*

Gray Hymnal

### First Reflection

*Appreciating the Journey*

Diana Jaquinta, Isaac Kamikawa, Hannah McWhan

### 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 remove their masks if they wish.*

### Meditation

"Walking the Crooked Path" by Thomas Rhodes

Riley Simpson

### Kindling of the Light

*Meditation No. 4*, John Kramer

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

### Silence

### Hymn #1020

*Woyaya*

Teal Hymnal

*Please remain seated*

### Senior Statements

Ruby Crowell, Asa Murdough, Adah Nordan

## Offering

Rebecca Vernaglia

This morning, we share our gifts with **Community Kitchens of Northern Connecticut**, Inc. which provides healthy and nutritious meals to all who come through their doors. They are committed to improving the quality of life and restoring the dignity of those they serve, and ending food insecurity in their community.

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

*Landslide*, Stevie Nicks WUS Youth  
Rebecca Vernaglia & Riley Simpson, Guitar

## Affirmation of Shared Ministry

Caroline Bronski

*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.

## Bridging

Heather Janules, Sam Wilson, Alison Luck

**Seniors:** Some of us grew up in this congregation. All of us found a home here that welcomed us and loved us as we are. Thank you for nurturing us and for helping us to form and strengthen our identities. Thank you for creating the sacred space that gave us so many friendships, deep connections, and meaningful moments in our lives. Even as our bodies venture beyond this community, a part of our hearts will always remain here.

**Congregation:** We cherish the gifts that you have shared during your time here. We honor your dreams and your visions for who you will become. We encourage you to hold your roots close to your hearts as we set you free to spread your wings.

**Young Adults:** We welcome you with open arms into this next stage of your lives. We know it is simultaneously exciting and terrifying, but we are here to sway in these winds of change with you. We are with you as you embark on a new journey beyond this community. Welcome to young adulthood!

## \*Hymn #1028

*Fire of Commitment*

Teal Hymnal

## Benediction

By Jean M. Olson

Hannah McWhan

## Postlude

*Journey*, Kamasi Washington

## 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.

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**Flower Dedication:** In Memory of John Russell  
*A faithful member of the Winchester Unitarian Society  
and supporter of our Youth Ministries*

## Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Sophia Sid, Noah Damaske, Barbara Keyes,  
Susan Woodward and Tate Morreale

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* · Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth & Children's Ministries* · WUSYG & JUSYG Youth · Alison Luck, *Assistant Director of Youth Ministries* · Sean Yun, *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.*