

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday May 28, 2023

May's Theme is "Creativity"

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

"Faith is not the clinging to a shrine but an endless pilgrimage of the heart." - Abraham Joshua Heschel

Gathering Music

Barry Singer

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

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

Ivan Correia

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

Invocation

Heather Janules

Chalice Lighting

by Maureen Killoran

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

*Hymn # 161

Peace! The Perfect Word

Gray Hymnal

First Reflection

Why We Walk

Heather Janules

Blessing

The Light Within, John Kramer

Barry Singer

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.

Blessing

Ginger Hanson, Amy Johnson and Heather Janules

Community Blessing: We remember those gone too soon and hold those who remain in our care. On your pilgrimage of grief, may you travel this hard path with our love, knowing Brenda's bright memory remains here and joins you as a grateful companion. May your love and ours be like a circle, no beginning and no end.

Kindling of the Light

I Will Remember You, Sarah McLachlan

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

Silence

Hymn #101

Abide with Me

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Meditation

“Patriot Guard Riders: Soldier Down, Kickstands Up” (Abridged)

Anthem *Bright Morning Stars*, Trad. arr. J. Kramer
WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection “Memorials in Motion” Heather Janules

Offering Ivan Correia

This morning, we share our gifts with **Wild Hearts Horses for Heroes**, an equestrian program that provides active-duty and veteran service members with an alternative to traditional therapy in order to cope with the psychological wounds of war.

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 *Reconciliation*, Max Reger

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 #108** *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* Gray Hymnal

Benediction By Tim Haley (Adapted)

Postlude *America*, Neil Diamond

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.

Wreath Dedication

Please take your order-of service with you as we gather at the WWI memorial at Main Street and Mystic Valley Parkway. Those who choose to remain in the Sanctuary are invited to gather near the candle table for an indoor recitation of our words of dedication.

Dedication: Spirit of life, God of Humanity and God of Justice, we pause in humble gratitude for the sacrifices our veterans have made. We mourn the loss of their lives and the legacy of profound grief born by their loved ones and communities.

May we remember that the meaning of their deaths is ours to make. We are charged to carry on their work, each in our own way, to strive for a world that no longer turns to war.

By our hearts and by our hands, may we make this peace real, in this day and for all the seasons to come.

We ask this in the name of all that is holy. Amen

Flower Dedication: *In memory of those who have died in service to our nation and for all those who grieve the loss of one who died too soon.*

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Susan Woodward and Vicky Coccoluto

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

Today's PCA is Dennis Brett @ 781 729-7787

Barry Singer, *Guest Director of Music* · The Rev. Heather Janules,
Parish Minister · Ivan Correia, *Worship Associate* ·
Jay Kwan & Hannah Waldron, *Livestream Coordinators*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

Dennis Brett, Vicky Coccoluto, Chuck Khuen, Liz Lintz (Clerk,) Gordy McIntosh, Claire McNeill, Fritzie Nace, Martin Newhouse, Stephen Perepeluk, Brad Steele (Treasurer) and Marcy Tompson

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.