

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, July 9, 2023

**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

*“Do the best you can until you know better.  
Then when you know better, do better.” — Maya Angelou*

**Gathering Music**

*Earth Dance*

John Kramer

**Community Welcome, Announcements and  
Invitation to Greeting**

Ella Kromm

*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*

**Opening Words** “A Renewed Hope for This World” by Nathan Ryan  
Sheila Puffer

**Chalice Lighting** “All Animal Chalice” by Mark Causey  
Sue Doubler

**\*Hymn #298** *Wake, Now, My Senses* Grey Hymnal

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

### 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](mailto: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.*

**Reading** 2006 UUA Statement of Conscience on the Threat of Global Warming/Climate Change  
Sheila Puffer

**Joys and Sorrows** Ella Kromm  
*At this time, you are invited to come forward, light a candle and share a joy or sorrow you carry within. Please note that as this service is being livestreamed, it is available over the internet in the moment and as an archived recording.* If anyone wishes to have a candle brought to them, please raise your hand.

**Silence**

**Hymn #86** *Blessed Spirit of My Life* Grey Hymnal  
*Please remain seated*

**Reading** "How Dare You?" by Greta Thunberg  
Rachel Milt

**Anthem** WUS Summer Choir

**Reflection** "Environmental Responsibility: We Could Do Better"  
Phil Coonley

**Offering** Ella Kromm

The offering is a spiritual practice, a collective affirmation of our shared values and commitment to the mission of this liberal religious congregation.

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**Offertory** *Elegy for the Arctic*, Ludovico Einaudi

**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** *Do It Now / Sing for the Climate* (See Insert)

**Benediction** By Heather Rion Starr Phil Coonley

**Postlude** *Farewell to Stromness*, Peter Maxwell Davies  
*(Written to protest a proposed uranium mine on the isle of Stromness)*

**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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**All are welcome to join an in-person conversation about today's service in the Parlor or to participate virtually by logging in to [www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship) at 11:30 am.**

**Serving Today**

John Kramer, *Director of Music* ◦ Ella Kromm, *Worship and Administrative Intern* ◦ Phil Coonley and Members of the WUS Green Sanctuary Team, *Worship Leaders* ◦ Hannah Waldron, *Livestream Coordinator*