

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, August 20

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### Centering Thought

“Hope is being able to see there is light despite all the darkness.” - Desmond Tutu

**Gathering Music**     *Adagio Cantabile*, Beethoven     Chris Weigand

### 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)*

**Ringing of the Bell** *We are called back to worship by the ringing of the bell from our Partner Church in Marosvásárhely, Transylvania*

**Opening Words**     By Chris Weigand     Chris Weigand

**Chalice Lighting**     By Florence Caplow     Stephen Perepeluk

**\*Hymn #38**     *Morning has Broken*     Grey Hymnal

### 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 #95**     *There Is More Love Somewhere*     Grey Hymnal  
*Please remain seated*

**Reading**     “I Want to Be with People,” by Dana E. Worsnop  
Stephen Perepeluk

**Reflection**     “Maintaining Optimism While Fighting for Inclusivity”  
Chris Weigand

**Offering**     Stephen Perepeluk

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**     *Mo' Better Blues*, Bill Lee     Steve & Eli Forcucci

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## **Affirmation of Shared Ministry**

Ella Kromm

*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 #205**

*Amazing Grace*

Grey Hymnal

## **Benediction**

By Chris Weigand

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## **Postlude**

*Etude Op. 25 No. 2 in F Minor, Chopin*

Eli Forcucci

## **Extinguishing the Chalice**

Stephen Perepeluk

*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.

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.

John Kramer, *Director of Music* • Ella Kromm, *Worship and Administrative Intern* • Chris Weigand, *Worship Leader* • Stephen Perepeluk, *Worship Associate* • Hannah Waldron, *Livestream Coordinator*

## **WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members**

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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.*