

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, October 15, 2023

October's Theme is "Heritage"

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

"There are recurring cycles, ups and downs, but the course of events is essentially the same, with small variations. It has been said that history repeats itself. This is perhaps not quite correct; it merely rhymes." - Theodor Reik

Gathering Music

John Kramer

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

Ringing 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

Martin Newhouse

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

Sung Invocation

One Day by Matisyahu

Youth Choir

Chalice Lighting

By Leslie Takahashi (Adapted)

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

***Hymn #161** *Peace! The Perfect Word is Sounding* Gray Hymnal

First Reflection *The Choices of Jonah and Yunus* Brenna Mayer

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.

Responsive Reading #557 "For Everything A Season"

A Statement by the Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, UUA President

Kindling of the Light *Peace Piece* by Bill Evans
For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence

Hymn # 159 *This is My Song* Gray Hymnal
Please remain seated

Anthem

Again, The Leaves are Falling
Swedish Folk Song/arr. Paul Hendrickson WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection "The Fourth Turning is Here" Heather Janules

Offering

Martin Newhouse

This morning, we share our gifts with **Doctors Without Borders**, whose mission is to bring “medical care to people affected by conflict, disasters, epidemics, and social exclusion.”

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

Change by Christina Aguilera Kirsten Hart, Solo

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 #51

Lady of the Seasons' Laughter Gray Hymnal

Benediction

By Andrew Pakula

Postlude

Hope by Lars Jansson

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: Today's flowers are dedicated to the generations of peacemakers who have strived for a world free of violence and war.

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Liz Lintz, Marilyn Mullane and Phil Coonley

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
or at the pew closest to the candle table
immediately after the service

John Kramer, *Director of Music* · The Rev. Heather Janules, *Parish Minister* · Martin Newhouse, *Worship Associate* · Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* · Isaac Kamikawa, *Livestream Coordinator*

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.

Music Notes:

This morning brings music relating to change, peace, and hope. The Anthem takes a Swedish Folk Song, *Ach Värmland* or *Dear Old Stockholm*, and repurposes it with lyrics about the changing seasons. The change in the seasons is inevitable, but other kinds of change we need to be active participants in, which is the message of the offertory music. The Kindling and Postlude - Peace and Hope - are offered as prayers for the events happening currently in the world.