

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, October 29, 2023

October's Theme is "Heritage"

**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

*"The oldest and strongest emotion of [hu]mankind is fear, and the oldest and strongest kind of fear is fear of the unknown."*

- H.P. Lovecraft

### 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](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*

### Community Welcome and Announcements

Stephen Perepeluk

*You may also review weekly announcements at*

[www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings)

### Invocation

By Christina Shu and Tera Little (Adapted)

Heather Janules

### Chalice Lighting

"Yesterday, Tomorrow, Today;" Author Unknown

Harris Gibson

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

### \*Hymn #52

*In Sweet Fields of Autumn*

Gray Hymnal

### First Reflection

*An Invisible Sweater*

Brenna Mayer with WUS youth and children

### Gifts for the Journey

Brenna Mayer, WUS youth and children, Sam Wilson and Gordy McIntosh (Standing Committee Co-Chair)

### 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.

### Prayer

Heather Janules

### Kindling of the Light

*Speak No Evil* by Wayne Shorter

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

### Silence

### Hymn #1002

*Comfort Me*

Teal Hymnal

*Please remain seated*

### Reading

From "History" by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Stephen Perepeluk

### Anthem

*History* by John Kramer

WUS Adult Choir

**Second Reflection**    “A Dark and Stormy History  
of Unitarian Universalism”    Heather Janules

**Offering**    Stephen Perepeluk

This morning, we Share the Plate with the **Hospice and Palliative Care Federation of Massachusetts**, connecting individuals with organizations providing compassionate end-of-life resources and care for patients and their families.

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**    *The Graceful Ghost Rag by William Bolcom*

**Affirmation of Shared Ministry**    Harris Gibson  
*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 #1**    *May Nothing Evil Cross This Door*    Gray Hymnal

**Benediction**    By Leia Durland-Jones

**Postlude**    *March of the Trolls* by Edvard Grieg

**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:** Today's altar flowers celebrate the ministry of Director of Youth and Children's Ministries Sam Wilson on this last Sunday before his sabbatical begins on November 1st.

### **Serving Today**

Ushers and Greeters: Patty Cameron, Sue Doubler,  
Marilyn Wilson and Lindy Brown

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener.  
Today's PCA is Donna Reed @ 781-626-1785 or at the pew closest to the candle table immediately after the service.

John Kramer, *Director of Music* · The Rev. Heather Janules, *Parish Minister* · Stephen Perepeluk, *Worship Associate* · Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* · Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries* · Jason Tran, *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](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.*