

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, May 26, 2024

May's Theme is "Pluralism"

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

"As long as it is assumed that war is always an available option,
we will not be forced to imagine any alternative..."

— Stanley Hauerwas

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

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

Marcy Tompson

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

Invocation

Heather Janules

Chalice Lighting

By Lindsay Bates

Lit by Cam & Maeve Summerville

***Hymn**

Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield

Gray Hymnal

Vs. 1 Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside (3x)
Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside, gonna study war no more.

CHORUS: Ain't gonna study war no more (repeat 6x).

Vs. 2 Gonna lay down my burden...

CHORUS

Vs. 3 Gonna walk down that road of peace...

CHORUS

First Reflection

Peace Lasagna

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.

Prayer

by Elizabeth Nguyen

Heather Janules

Kindling of the Light

Make Peace, Brad Melhdau

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

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Silence

Hymn #169

We Shall Overcome

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Reading “Ten Thousand Baby Names” (Adapted) by Kathleen McTigue

Marcy Tompson

Anthem *Tenting Tonight*, Walter Kittredge, arr. J. Kramer WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection “Lay Down Our Sword and Shield” Heather Janules

Offering Marcy Tompson

This morning, we share our gifts with the **House of Peace**, whose mission is “to provide physical and spiritual shelter to victims of war in a small healing community in companionship with adults with special needs, and to provide education for peace and moral awakening.”

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text GIVE to (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

Venus, Bringer of Peace, Gustav Holst

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

Benediction By Frederick Gillis

Postlude *Down By the Riverside*, Frederic Rzewski

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: Today's altar flowers are in memory of those lost to violence and in affirmation of those working for peace.

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Sheila Rudolph-Correia,
Laurie Russell, Mike Lambert, Chris Weigand

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

Today's PCA is Kim Foley @ 339-227-0216
or at the pew closest to the candle table
immediately after the service

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

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

Vicky Coccoluto, Chuck Khuen, Liz Lintz (Clerk,) Gordy McIntosh (Co-Chair,)
Claire McNeill, Fritzie Nace, Martin Newhouse (Co-Chair,)
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:

The Anthem this morning is a Civil War Song and a particular favorite of the Union soldiers. Written in 1863 it remains the most famous song written by the New Hampshire native William Kittredge. Other music focuses on *Peace*, including the beautiful *Make Peace* by Jazz pianist and composer Brad Mehldau. The offertory is an abridged version of *Venus* from the orchestral suite *The Planets* written by English composer Gustav Holst. And the postlude is an abridged version of a concert arrangement of the song *Down by the Riverside*, from Rzewski's *North American Ballads*, composed in 1978.