

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday June 2, 2024

June's Theme is "Renewal"

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

Sankofa stained glass made by Kat Earthren Liu

"Sankofa is an Akan term that literally means, 'to go back and get it.' One of the Adinkra symbols for Sankofa (seen on the left) depicts a mythical bird flying forward with its head turned backward. The egg in its mouth represents the 'gems' or knowledge of the past upon which wisdom is based; it also signifies the generation to come that would benefit from that wisdom. This symbol often is associated with the proverb, 'Se wo were fi na wosankofa a yenkyi,' which translates to, 'It is not wrong to go back for that which you have forgotten.'"

<https://web.archive.org/web/20110420131901/http://ctl.du.edu/spirituals/literature/sankofa.cfm>

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

Ivan Correia

You may also review weekly announcements at

www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Invocation By Katie Kandarian-Morris Heather Janules

Chalice Lighting (Author Unknown)
Lit by Cam and Maeve Summerville

***Hymn #65** *The Sweet June Days* Gray Hymnal

First Reflection *Walking Forward* Brenna Mayer

Religious Education Appreciation

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.

Meditation

“The Growing Season”, by Teresa Honey Youngblood (Abridged)

Kindling of the Light *Sankofa*, Amaro Freitas

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

Silence

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Hymn #15*The Lone, Wild Bird*

Gray Hymnal

*Please remain seated***Visual Meditation**

“Welcome to the Winchester Unitarian Society” (Abridged)
Original Video Produced by Don Daniel and Julie Khuen

Anthem*We Create*, John Kramer

WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection

“Sankofa”

Heather Janules

Offering

Ivan Correia

This morning, we share our gifts with **Winchester Got Lunch**, “provid[ing] healthy lunch foods during the summer for students who may rely on subsidized school-year lunches or who are nutritionally challenged due to unforeseen circumstances.”

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*Sankofa*, Cassandra Williams

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 #295**

Sing Out Praises For the Journey

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude

Waltz in C# minor, Frédéric Chopin

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 chancel flowers celebrate all those who have contributed to our Religious Education ministries. Thank you!

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Joan Baldwin, Pete Baldwin,
Kim Foley, Patty Cameron

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 ♦ Ivan Correia, *Worship Associate* ♦
Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator*
♦ Griffin Correia, *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:

There is quite a bit of music paying homage to the concept of Sankofa; we bring you two selections this morning. Amaro Freitas is a Brazilian pianist who released his album *Sankofa* in 2021. The Kindling Music is the title track. Legendary jazz vocalist Cassandra Wilson released her *Sankofa* in 1993 on her album *Blue Light 'til Dawn*. One concept of Sankofa is that we look to the past to inform the future, and with that in mind, I offer the postlude as a looking back to the past (Chopin) with a modern twist. The Anthem was composed for the Installation of Rev. Heather Janules.