

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, June 16th, 2024

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

“A poet's work [is] to name the unnamable, to point at frauds, to take sides, start arguments, shape the world, and stop it going to sleep.”

– Salman Rushdie, *The Satanic Verses*

Prelude	The Poet Speaks, by Robert Schumann From <i>Scenes from Childhood, Op. 15</i>	John Kramer
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**Community Welcome, Announcements, and
Invitation to Greeting**

Martin Newhouse

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.*

Opening Words	From “A Defense of Poetry” By Percy Bysshe Shelley	Martin Newhouse
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Chalice Lighting	Adapted from “We summon ourselves” By Gordon B. McKeeman	Liz Lintz
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*Hymn #309	<i>Earth is Our Homeland</i>	Gray Hymnal
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**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Meditation

“That Passeth All Understanding”
By Denise Levertov

Liz Lintz

Joys and Sorrows *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 #64

O, Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today
(A poem by Robert Frost)

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Reading of Poems

Offering

Martin Newhouse

The offering is a spiritual practice, a collective affirmation of our shared values and commitment to the mission of this liberal religious congregation.

Here are the different ways you can donate to the Winchester Unitarian Society: 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.

Offertory

Moderato molto grazioso
(on lines from “The Dream” by John Donne:
“Dear love, for nothing less than thee
Would I have broke this happy dream.”)

Nathaniel Dett

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 #288** *All Are Architects* Gray Hymnal
(A poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

Benediction “Let Our Lives Be a Prayer” Liz Lintz
By Joel Miller

Postlude *Adagio Cantabile* Nathaniel Dett
(on lines from “Gitanjali” by Rabindranath Tagore:
“When thou commandest me to sing
it seems that my heart would break with pride;
and I look to thy face, and tears come to my eyes.”)

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.

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 at 11:30 a.m.

Marianne DiBlasi, *Summer Minister*; John Kramer, *Director of Music*;
Martin Newhouse and Liz Lintz, *Worship Leaders*;
Jay Kwan, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

John Keller, Chuck Khuen, Ginger Hanson (Clerk),
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*As part of our commitment to racial justice, each worship service includes
wisdom or an artistic gift from people- or
communities-of-color.*