Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, June 23, 2024

Livestream Attendees: To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue, email checkingin@winchesteruu.org or call the WUS Office at 781.729.0949

Centering Thought

A Lifelong Sharing
Love cannot remain by itself — it has no meaning.
Love has to be put into action and that action is service.

Whatever form we are,
able or disabled,
rich or poor,
it is not how much we do,
but how much love we put in the doing;
a lifelong sharing of love with others. — Mother Teresa

Prelude Summertime, George Gershwin John Kramer

Community Welcome, Announcements, and Invitation to Greeting

Peter McEntee

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.

Opening Words The Starfish Story, Loren Eiseley Liz Lintz

Chalice Lighting Betsy Bowles

*Hymn #1029 Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear Teal Hymnal

Meditation "Blessed Are Those" John Buehrens Peter McEntee

Silence

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.

Hymn There is a Love Beth Norton/Rebecca Parker

There is a Love holding me/us

There is a love holding all that I/we love

There is a love holding all

I/we rest in that love

Please remain seated

Reflection Thoughts of Starfish, Johnny Toledo,

the Good Samaritan and Oneness Betsy Bowles

Offering Peter McEntee

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 Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Paul Simon

^{*}Please rise in body or in spirit

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 #1021 Lean on Me Teal Hymnal

Benediction By Betsy Bowles

Postlude Truth, Kamasi Washington John Kramer

Extinguishing the Chalice

Peter McEntee

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; Betsy Bowles, Worship Leader; Peter McEntee, Worship Associate; Isaac Kamikawa, Livestream Coordinator

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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.