Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, August 4, 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

"Racism is baked into what we call America.

How can we re-imagine an America that is

more in line with our values?

— Rev. Heather Janules

Prelude Honey John Kramer

Nathaniel Dett

Community Welcome, Announcements, and Invitation to Greeting

Stephen Perepeluk

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 Source of Self-Regard Gloria Legvold

by Toni Morrison

Chalice Lighting The Souls of Black Folk Robbie Brown and

by W.E.B. Du Bois Patty Shepard

*Hymn #118 This Little Light of Mine Gray Hymnal

First Reflection School for All Patty Shepard

Anthem Honey in the Rock WUS Summer Choir

Blessing The Light Within John Kramer

As children leave for childcare, 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.

Joys and Sorrows

Stephen Perepeluk and Martin Newhouse

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 #86 Blessed Spirit of My Life Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

^{*}Please rise in body or in spirit

Reading

Lies My Teacher Told Me

Claire McNeill

by James Loewen

Second Reflection

Healing History with Harris Gibson

Offering

Stephen Perepeluk

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

Hope in View

John Kramer

By Eric Reed

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 #1051 We Are Teal Hymnal

Benediction By Rep. John Lewis Gloria Legvold

Postlude We Shall Overcome John Kramer

By Adolphus Hailstork

^{*}Please rise in body or in spirit

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; Harris Gibson, Worship Leader; Stephen Perepeluk, Worship Associate; 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.