Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, August 18, 2024

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

Centering Thought

"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes." – Marcel Proust

Prelude	"A Sleepin' Bee" by Harlon Arlen	Tyson Kamikawa

Community Welcome, Announcements, and Invitation to Greetings

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

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	from "Walk With Me" by Gwen Fro	ostic
Chalice Lighting	"All the Lights of the Heavens" by Cynthia Landrum Betsy Bowles, Chuck Khuen	
*Hymn #21	<i>"For the Beauty of the Earth"</i>	Gray Hymnal

*Please rise in body or in spirit

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 #15 Please remain seated	<i>"The Lone Wild Bird</i> "	Gray Hymnal
Reflection	"Always Listen to Mother (Nature)"	Julie Khuen

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.

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Offertory

"Claire de Lune", by Claude Debussy

Christopher Weigand

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 #207	"Earth Was Given As a Garden"	Gray Hymnal
Benediction	By Francis Bacon	
Postlude	<i>"Grazin' in the Grass'</i> by Hugh Masekela Tyson Kamikawa	

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 <u>www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship</u> at 11:30 a.m.

Marianne DiBlasi, Summer Minister; John Kramer, Director of Music; Julie Khuen, Worship Leader; Martin Newhouse Worship Associate; Jay Kwan, Livestream Coordinator **WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members**

John Keller, Chuck Khuen, Ginger Hanson (Clerk), Gordy McIntosh (Chair), Claire McNeill, Fritzie Nace, Martin Newhouse (Vice Chair), Stephen Perepeluk, Sheila Puffer, Brad Steele (Treasurer), Joan Baldwin (Assistant Treasurer), and Marcy Tompson. Contact your Standing Committee via <u>SC@winchesteruu.org</u>

As part of our commitment to racial justice, each worship service includes wisdom or an artistic gift from people- or communities-of-color.