Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, August 25, 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

""It is love that moves the sun and the other stars" —Dante Alighieri, The Divine Comedy, Paradiso 33:145

"Prelude No. 5", Alexander Scriabin Prelude

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.

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 "Biblical Religion and the Search for Ultimate Reality, by Paul Tillich

Maya Mulder & Liz Lintz

*Hymn #83 "Winds Be Still" **Gray Hymnal**

Meditation "The Temple of Healing", by Jack Kornfield **Brett Mulder**

Chalice Lighting

^{*}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 #89 "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" Gray Hymnal Please remain seated

Reading From "Zen and the Art of Saving the

Planet", by Thich Nhat Hanh Martin Newhouse

Reflection "Mystical Experience, Healing and Spirituality" Brett Mulder

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 "Radiant Pinnacle" William Grant Still

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 #92 "Mysterious Presence, Source of All" Gray Hymnal

Benediction By Jack Kornfield

Postlude Ode to Life Don Pullen

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; Brett Mulder, Worship Leader; Martin Newhouse, Worship Associate; Jay Kwan, Livestream Coordinator

Music Notes

Russian composer Alexander Scriabin (1872-1915) is sometimes described as a mystical composer. He was interested in a kind of theosophy, a belief that mystical insight would allow humans to liberate themselves from the trappings of life and become one with the cosmos. American composer William Grant Still (1895-1978) displays his interest in spirituality in much of his music, including *Radiant Pinnacle* the third of his *Three Visions*. According to Still, this piece represents "Man's aspiration toward God" and an "almost Scriabinesque striving for the blissful sublimation and mystic oneness with Divinity."

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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.