

## 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](mailto: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** “Prelude No. 5”, Alexander Scriabin

**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](mailto: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 “*Biblical Religion and the Search for Ultimate Reality*”, by Paul Tillich

**Chalice Lighting** Maya Mulder & Liz Lintz

**\*Hymn #83** “Winds Be Still” Gray Hymnal

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

*\*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 #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.

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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](http://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.*