

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, September 1, 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

“America is the idea of emancipation.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson, Journals

Prelude

From *Emerson* by Charles Ives

Community Welcome, Announcements, and Invitation to Greeting

Ivan Correia

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

By Ralph Waldo Emerson

Martin Newhouse

Chalice Lighting

By Ivan Correia

*Hymn

Battle Hymn of the Republic

See Insert

**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.*

Ivan Correia and Liz Lintz

Silence

Hymn #123

Spirit of Life

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Reading

By Ralph Waldo Emerson

Ivan Correia

Reflection

"What Would Emerson Say?"

Martin Newhouse

Offering

Ivan Correia

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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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

Urlicht (Primal Light) by Gustav Mahler

Peter McEntee, Baritone

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** *Rank By Rank (revised)* See Insert
The original text for hymn #358 in Singing the Living Tradition was written by John Hurley Skrine (1848-1923) and Carl G. Seaburg (1922-1998) before Unitarian Universalists fully understood the impact of ableist language. These new lyrics correct that harm, and introduce a new stanza (verse #3).

Benediction By Martin Newhouse

Postlude *Gladiolus Rag* By Scott Joplin

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, *Music Director*; Martin Newhouse, *Worship Leader*; Ivan Correia, *Worship Associate*; Jason Tran, *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.*