

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, September 29, 2024
September's Theme is "Invitation"

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

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality."

- Bishop Desmond Tutu

Invitation to Greeting

Marcy Tompson

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*

Animal Parade

Pussy Cat Dues by Charles Mingus

John Kramer

Community Welcome and Announcements

Marcy Tompson

You may also review weekly announcements at

www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Invocation

Grateful for Creatures from A to Z by Gary Kowalski

Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn

Chalice Lighting

All Animals Are Our Relatives Florence Caplow

Read by Julie-Ann, lit by Timothy and Lydia Black-Suchy

***Hymn #21** For the Beauty of the Earth Gray Hymnal

Anthem Prayer of the Mouse, Ivor Davies, WUS Adult Choir

First Reflection Desmond Gets Free by Matt Meyer Sam Wilson

Meditation Rev. Julie-Ann

Kindling of the Light Olhos de Gatos (Eyes of the cat), Carla Bley
For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Photos of the animals we remember will be shared during this ritual. For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence

Hymn #175 *We Celebrate the Web of Life* Gray Hymnal
Please remain seated

Reading *Neutrality in the Face of Injustice* Rev. Julie-Ann

Second Reflection “Neutrality in the Face of Injustice” Rev. Julie-Ann

Offering Marcy Tompson

This morning, we share our gifts with **MSPCA Animal Care and Adoption Center.**

The mission of the MSPCA-Angell is to protect animals, relieve their suffering, advance their health and welfare, prevent cruelty, and work for a just and compassionate society.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically.

Text GIVE to (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. Note that contributing soon in lieu of one lump sum for a period of time is easier to process and empowers us to send our collective gift as soon as possible.

Offertory Prayer of the Little Bird, Ivor Davies

WUS Adult Choir

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.

Animal Companionship Responsive Blessing By K.G.Johnston

Rev. Julie-Ann and the congregation

People: We give thanks for animal companionship in our lives and on the earth

***Hymn #203**

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Rev. Julie-Ann

Postlude

Porcupine Rag, John Kramer

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.

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Laurie Russell, Mike Lambert,
Patty Cameron & Terry Currier

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener.

Today's PCA is Marilyn Wilson 781-572-8834
or at the pew closest to the candle table
immediately after the service

John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦ Marcy Tompson, *Worship Associate* ♦
Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministry* ♦
Jason Tran, *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 SC@winchesteruu.org.

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

Music Notes:

The Choral pieces this morning are settings of poems from Carmen Bernos de Gasztold's Prayers from the Ark, first published in French in 1947. English composer Ivor Davies composed his settings (6 in total) in 1966. Jazz composers Charles Mingus and Carla Bley give us their thoughts on cats, and we close by considering the porcupine.