### Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, October 20
October's Theme is "Deep Listening"

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

# **Centering Thought**

"As a rule of thumb, I would say the smaller the pond the more belligerent the fish." - Craig Brown

**Gathering Music** 

John Kramer

#### **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

## **Community Welcome and Announcements**

You may also review weekly announcements at <a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings">www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings</a>

**Invocation** "She Speaks a Various Language" by Marilyn Krysl

Chalice Lighting Friedrich Nietzsche

Lit by Abby McVey

\*Hymn #112 Do You Hear? Gray Hymnal

<sup>\*</sup>Please rise in body or in spirit

First Reflection Justice League Brenna Mayer

**Blessing** The Light Within, John Kramer
As children and teachers leave for Religious Education, the community is invited to sing them on their way!

May the light within you shine before you, everyday, everyday. May the light within you shine before you, guide your way, guide your way. May the love we share surround you and chase your fears away. May the light within you shine before you, this we pray, this we pray.

Meditation "Hopelessness Can Change the World" From Daily Afflictions by Andrew Boyd

#### A Moment's Peace

**Kindling of the Light** In a Landscape (part 1), John Cage For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Prayer Navajo Blessing Way

**Hymn #194** Faith is a Forest Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

**Reading** By Bill Bryson From <u>A Short History of Nearly Everything</u> Selected by preacher, can be read by Worship Associate or preacher

Anthem Salutation to the Dawn, John Kramer WUS Choir

Second Reflection "Random" Rev. Michael F. Hall

### Offering

This morning, we share our gifts with the Council of Social Concern.

This week, Share the Plate will be allocated to the **Council of Social Concern** which is headquartered in Woburn. The Council is a charitable, community-based agency responding to the basic needs of people of all ages, providing early childhood education and care, helping individuals develop their potential, creating positive family and community relationships, and fostering respect for diversity. Their services include Childcare Options, Food Assistance, and Family Skill Building Parenting Education Classes. The WUS food drives support the Council's food pantry.

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text GIVE to (781) 230-6690** or visit <a href="www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline">www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline</a>

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 In a Landscape (part 2), John Cage

# **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 #1018 "Come and Go With Me" Teal Hymnal

**Benediction** Michael Hall

**Postlude** Random Jazz Chords

### **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**

<u>Ushers and Greeters</u>: Ushers: Dan Spencer, Jeanne Johnson; Greeters: Lisa Spencer, Michelle Johnson

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

Today's PCA is Sheila Rudolph-Correia 781-570-9169

Your PCA will be sitting at the pew closest to the candle table immediately after the service.

John Kramer, Music Director ♦ Ivan Correia, Worship Associate
♦ Jay Kwan, Livestream Coordinator

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#### **Music Notes**

The Anthem this morning is a setting of *Salutation to the Dawn*, a poem by the 5th century Indian poet Kalidisa. "Look to this day, for it is life, the very life of life..." Other service music explores randomness. The 20th century composer John Cage developed a large body of work produced using randomized procedures. For *In a Landscape*, split between the Kindling and the Offertory, Cage used paper imperfections to derive the pitches and a predefined rhythm to control the density of notes. For the Postlude I will improvise over a computer generated set of randomized jazz chords. As I've been practicing this technique I find myself discovering patterns even in these random events.