

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, November 3, 2024

November's Theme is "Repair"

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

"Death is not the opposite of life, but a part of it."
- Haruki Murakami

You are invited to place photos and small mementos on the chancel table before worship begins or during the opening hymn.

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

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

Marcy Tompson

You may also review weekly announcements at www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Invocation

"United by Story and Bound by Love"
by Andrea Hawkins-Kamper

Chalice Lighting

"All Souls Chalice Light" by Florence Caplow
Lit by Alice Levering

***Hymn #336** *All My Memories of Love* Gray Hymnal

First Reflection A Diwali Story Brenna Mayer

Blessing

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.

Offering

Our share-the-plate offering this month is going to **A Better Chance of Winchester (ABC)**, one of 21 community school programs of A Better Chance, a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase the number of well-educated young people of color who are capable of assuming positions of responsibility and leadership in American society. The Winchester ABC program allows scholars to attend Winchester High School while living in a dedicated and supervised ABC home in Winchester Center.

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. 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 Remembrance*, Eleanor Daley WUS Adult Choir

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Kindling of the Light *Pavane pour une infante défunte*, Maurice Ravel
For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence

Sung Litany *You are Not Forgotten*, John Becker
Kirsten Hart and Brendan Buckley, Soloists

*The community is invited to offer the sung response,
"You are Not Forgotten," after each name is sung.*

Prayer & Benediction

Postlude *Goodbye Pork Pie Hat*, Charles Mingus
Tyson Kamikawa, Sax

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.

Flower Dedication:

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Ginger Hanson: *It has been two years without Brenda. We are sending love to all who grieve.*

Serving Today

Ushers: Phil Coonley, Susan Woodward
Greeters: Marilyn Mullane, Patty Cameron

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

Today's PCA is Kim Foley 339-227-0216

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

John Kramer, *Music Director* ♦ Marcy Tompson, *Worship Associate* ♦
Jay Kwan, *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), Sheila Puffer, Brad Steele (Treasurer),
Joan Baldwin (Assistant Treasurer), and Marcy Tompson.

Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org.

Music Notes:

The Anthem comes from Canadian composer Eleanor Daley's *Requiem*. The text, which follows, is variously attributed to Mary Elizabeth Frye, Clare Harner, or Anonymous: "Do not stand at my grave and weep/ I am not there. I do not sleep./ I am a thousand winds that blow./ I am the diamond glints on snow./ I am the sunlight on ripened grain./ I am the gentle autumn rain./ When you awaken in the morning's hush/ I am the swift uplifting rush/ Of quiet birds in circled flight./ I am the soft stars that shine at night./ Do not stand at my grave and cry;/ I am not there. I did not die." We remember our beloved with a sung litany borrowed from the Catholic liturgical tradition. And we close with the exquisite *Goodbye Pork Pie Hat*, composed by jazz bassist Charles Mingus. The song is an elegy for the saxophonist Lester Young who was known to wear the iconic hat.