

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, December 1  
December's Theme is "Presence"

**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

From the place where we are right, flowers will never grow in the spring.  
- Yehuda Amichai

### Gathering Music

John Kramer

### 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*

### Community Welcome and Announcements

Martin Newhouse

*You may also review weekly announcements at [www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings)*

### Invocation

The words of the Rev. Gretchen Haley

### Chalice Lighting

The words of David S. Blanchard

Lit by Jeremiah Fowler

### \*Hymn #226

*People Look East*

Gray Hymnal

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**First Reflection** “The Challenge of Counting to Ten in Community”

**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, Prayer or Poem** “The Place Where We Are Right”  
by Yehuda Amichai

**Kindling of the Light** *Advent*, Emma Lou Diemer

*For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.*

**Silence**

**Hymn #55** *Dark of Winter* Gray Hymnal  
*Please remain seated*

**Reading** Excerpts from the Letters of John

**Anthem** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, arr. J. Kramer WUS Choir

**Second Reflection** “Wabi Sabi Faith” Rev. Janet Newton

## Offering

Martin Newhouse

This morning, we share our gifts with the **Dwelling Place** in Woburn.

The funds collected from Share-the-Plate will be used to fund towel sets for 45 Dwelling Place Guests which will comprise of a bath towel, a hand towel and a face cloth. The Dwelling Place in Woburn is primarily a soup kitchen and occasionally provides holiday gifts for its guests. This year they are collecting toiletries, snacks, hats and gloves, and the towel sets. This is not a request for the other items, as they are being provided by other organizations.

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically.

**Text GIVE to (781) 230-6690** or visit [www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline](http://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

*Wachet Auf!* J.S. Bach

## Affirmation of Shared Ministry

Martin Newhouse

*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 #295

*Sing Out Praises for the Journey*

Gray Hymnal

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Wabi Sabi*, Matthew Sheens

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## Extinguishing the Chalice

Martin Newhouse

*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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### Serving Today

Ushers: Joe Eiler & Deb Eiler

Greeters: Patty Cameron & Sheila Rudolph-Correia

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

Today's PCA is Vicky Coccoluto 781-729-9313

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

John Kramer, *Music Director* ♦ Martin Newhouse, *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,

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Joan Baldwin (Assistant Treasurer), and Marcy Tompson.

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