Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, December 29 December's Theme is "Presence"

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

"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Gathering Music

Andrew Goodridge

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 www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Invocation Martin Newhouse

Chalice Lighting Reading # 447 Gray Hymnal Lit by Max Mulder

*Hymn #232 The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem Gray Hymnal

First Reflection Ivan Correia

Prayer

Kindling of the Light Sarabande in E major, J.S. Bach For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence

Centering Hymn #241 In the Bleak Midwinter Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Reflective Readings

Hymn #123 Spirit of Life Gray Hymnal

Reflective Readings

Offering Ivan Correia

Our share-the-plate offering this morning will go to **the Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center**, which is a community-based, non-profit grassroots human service agency that provides comprehensive services to refugees, asylees, and immigrants as well as the larger community. They help these communities both during resettlement and post resettlement.

^{*}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 Bagatelle in D major, Ludvig van Beethoven

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 #350 The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time Gray Hymnal

Benediction Ivan Correia & Martin Newhouse

Postlude Mazurka in D flat Major, Frédéric Chopin

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.

Serving Today

Ushers: Alison Kirchgasser, Sally DeGan Greeters: Jeanne Johnson, 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 Kim Foley 339-227-0216

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

Andrew Goodridge, *Guest Pianist* ♦ Ivan Correia and Martin Newhouse, *Worship Leaders* ♦ Jason Tran, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members
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Joan Baldwin (Assistant Treasurer), and Marcy Tompson.
Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org.

Flower Dedication

In memory of Brenda Martino (forever 18) on what would have been her 21st birthday. Wishing everyone a circle of love in the New Year.

- Ginger Hanson