

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, March 23

March's Theme is "Trust"

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

"Only connect . . ."

— E.M. Forster. *Howards End*

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

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

Jean McClurken

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

Invocation

Martin Newhouse

Chalice Lighting

"A Community of Faith" by Judith L. Quarles

*Hymn #188

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection

Sam Wilson

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.

Prayer/Meditation

Kindling of the Light *Lawns*, Carla Bley

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

Silence

Centering Hymn #318 *We Would Be One*

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Reading From *A Passage to India*, by E.M. Foster

Anthem *Show Us How To Love*, Mark Miller

WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection

Martin Newhouse

*“Can We Connect? Some Reflections on
E.M. Forster’s A Passage to India”*

Offering

Jean McClurken

Our share-the-plate this week is **Mission of Deeds**, a volunteer-supported nonprofit organization that gives new beds and gently used donated furniture, kitchen items, and basic household goods, free of charge, to people leaving homelessness and others in great need. We help people throughout Middlesex and Essex Counties, Massachusetts as well as in the Suffolk County communities of Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop. We are all about changing lives. Imagine you have no bed, no linens, nothing with which to cook, no kitchen table, no furniture. Now imagine you have all those things. Your life is changed! That is what happens every day at Mission of Deeds. Our organization depends solely on private donations, “neighbors helping neighbors,” and does not receive government grants.

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

Élévation No. 1, Marcel Dupré

Affirmation of Shared Ministry

Jean McClurken

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 #207** *Earth Was Given As A Garden*

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Martin Newhouse

Postlude

Primavera (Spring), Sara Serpa

Extinguishing the Chalice

Jean McClurken

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: Phil Coonley & Terry Currier

Greeters: Marilyn Mullane & Laurie Russell

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

Today's PCA is Terry Currier (781) 690-6112

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

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

Jean McClurken, *Worship Associate* ♦

Devon McClurken, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

John Keller, Chuck Khuen, Ginger Hanson (Clerk),

Gordy McIntosh (Chair), Claire McNeill, Fritzie Nace,

Ryan Levering, Martin Newhouse (Vice Chair), Sheila Puffer,

Brad Steele (Treasurer), and Marcy Tompson.

Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org