



Dear Friends,

Here is what you need to participate in the streamed service on Sunday, August 23, 2020:

Link for Sunday Worship: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship>

PDF of Order-of-Service and Religious Education Materials: [\[link\]](#)

Please read to the end of this message.

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

- If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, become acquainted with the technology:
 - Click on the Zoom link at least 15 minutes before you plan to use it the first time. This will prompt an app to download onto your device. You may use a laptop, tablet, desktop or smartphone.
 - You will then be asked whether you wish to join the “meeting” with your device audio and device camera.
 - If you do not want others to see what color pajamas you are wearing at that moment, you can join without activating your camera. Remember: If your camera is on, people can see you...
 - Throughout the service, all participants besides the worship leaders will be muted to prevent background noises (barking dogs, ringing phones, etc.) from being included in the worship service. We will "chat" through typing in the chat function during the community greeting and immediately after worship. **As some find chat notifications distracting, please only communicate via the chat during the community greeting and beginning of coffee hour.** The groups will be formed at random by the Zoom program.
- Steps to begin using Zoom are illustrated in this short instructional video: https://www.youtube.com/embed/vFhAEoCF7jg?rel=0&autoplay=1&cc_load_policy=1

- Gather materials you may want on hand to participate at home:
 - A chalice and a small candle so you can light the chalice when we do. If you do not have a chalice, a candle in a small bowl would work.
 - A second candle (or a few more candles) for “Kindling of the Light”
 - Have your preferred refreshments and hot beverages ready in your kitchen to enjoy during “coffee hour” after worship.
 - Print out the order-of-service and/or the RE packet
- Determine how you wish to contribute to the offering:
 - Give+ app on your smartphone. Here is a short tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAjqUxK8YRk>
 - Through your PayPal account, send your contribution to [[WUS PayPal link](#)]
 - Mail a check to the WUS office: 478 Main Street, Winchester, MA 01890
- To make sure you can hear everything
 - You may wish to use ear/headphones with your device so the sound goes directly into your ears.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Greetings from your co-treasurers Sue Kiewra and Judy Murray!** We hope that you and your loved ones are staying healthy and cool this summer season. We wanted to remind you that we’re closing in on the end of our fiscal year on August 31st and are looking to you to remit the balance of your pledge by then. If you have an open balance, we mailed you a statement in early July that we hope you received. It has been a challenging year with worries about everyone’s health, the economy, the job market, race relations, and the environment. Then there’s the matter of paying our bills and our staff! Please let us know if there are circumstances that will prevent you from fulfilling your pledge. Whatever you tell us will be kept confidential and will assist us in making sure we don’t keep sending you reminders. We value your contributions of time, talent and treasure to the Winchester Unitarian Society as we pull together for peace and justice in the world. If you have any questions or comments, please email treasurer@winchesteruu.org or phone the church office at **781-729-0949**. To make a payment, mail a check to the church office at 478 Main St, Winchester 01890 or pay online at <https://www.winchesteruu.org/giving/how-to-give/>. Thank you to all for your donations this year. We’re looking forward to seeing you in person when the time is right.
- **Outdoor Open Office Hours** As of September 3rd, Rev. Heather is offering outdoor open office hours from noon until 2pm (weather permitting) in the Meditation Garden on Thursdays. Come to say hello, to share something on your heart and mind or to greet other members and friends of WUS. Masks required; distance protocols will be followed. If the weather doesn’t look great, call the office first to confirm that the outdoor office is open for business – 781.729.0949. We will offer outdoor office hours until winter temperatures begin.
- **WUS Writing Group** Please feel free to come to the WUS Writing Group on every Wednesday from now until September 30th. Meetings will take place over Zoom starting at 9 AM. The exact format and focus of the group will be discussed and determined each week based on how the attendee writers wish to spend the time. No writing experience is necessary – just a desire to write. We look forward to “seeing” you! For more information and the link for the meeting contact Dan [[HERE](#)].