

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, November 7th, 2021  
November's Theme is "Holding History"

### Centering Thought

"To the living, I am gone, To the sorrowful, I will never return, To the angry, I was cheated,  
But to the happy, I am at peace, And to the faithful, I have never left." – Margaret Mead

### Beginning of Worship and the Dedication of the Bell Tower Terrace and Pathways of Celebration and Remembrance

#### Gathering Music

John Kramer

*We toll the bells 75 times – 74 for each 10,000 lost to COVID in the United States and once for COVID's impact on the living.*

#### Responsive Invocation

by Leslie Takahashi (Abridged)

The Rev. Heather Janules

*When invited to do so, please respond with "Through this, we know immortality."*

#### Hymn #336 \*

*All My Memories of Love*

1 All my memories of love  
hang upon high stars. All the  
souls I've lost to tears now  
the autumn jars; and the air  
around me here thickens  
with their song; sing again  
their nameless tunes, sing  
again, and strong.

2 Willows in September  
touch the water clear, set  
among the rushes tall of the  
flowing year. Rising up from  
sunlit past comes the  
shadowed sigh running  
toward me silently, love to  
fortify.

3 Many are the graceful  
hearts hung upon this tree.  
And it seems there's room  
for mine on these branches  
free; and the sky above the  
tree, whether wet or bright,  
is my ease and comforting,  
my good news and light.

#### First Reflection and Chalice Lighting

"Holding History, Hugging Stories"

Sam Wilson and Heather Janules

#### Blessing

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.

#### Community Welcome and Announcements

Marcy Tompson

#### Prayer

#### Kindling of the Light

*I Remember Clifford, Benny Golson*

*During the Kindling of the Light, you are invited to place photos or small objects, representing those you remember today, onto the Chancel or Lectern tables. For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## 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.

**Second Reflection** “Witnessing Truth” Heather Janules

**Offering** Marcy Tompson

This morning, we share our gifts with the **US Forest Service’s “A Living Tribute”** program. This program purchases young trees to be planted throughout the nation’s national parks in memory of lost loved ones.

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text (781) 230-6690** or visit <https://www.winchesteruu.org/giving/how-to-give/> 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** *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*, Johannes Brahms

**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.

## Continuation of the Terrace and Pathways Dedication

**Welcome and Gratitude** Fritzie Nace, Standing Committee Co-Chair

**Reflection** Julie Khuen, Terrace and Pathways Designer and Project Manager

**Reflection** Sara Delano, Pastoral Care Resource (PCR)

**Pathways Celebration** *Brick donors provided additional text to illustrate the inspiration behind their dedicated brick(s.) Please see the companion document.*

**Benediction** Heather Janules

## 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.

**Dismissal and Blessing** *At this time, those in the Sanctuary are invited to leave for the Bell Tower Terrace and to gently tie a ribbon – found tied to the Pathways pamphlet – to one of the Terrace plants as a symbol of your blessing of the space.*

In-person attendees who have mobility challenges and wish to join Coffee Hour on the Bell Tower Terrace are invited to exit the building via the Main Street door, use the ramp and move to the Terrace via the connecting path.

Livestreaming attendees are welcome to join Virtual Social Hour by logging on to [www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship)

**Serving Today**

The Rev. Heather Janules, Minister · Marcy Tompson, Worship Associate  
John Kramer, Director of Music · Sean Yun, Livestream Coordinator

Ushers and Greeters: Brad Steele, Kim Foley, Joe & Deb Eiler

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener. Today's PCA is Dennis Brett - 781-572-1821

**Music Notes**

*I Remember Clifford* was written by the jazz saxophonist Benny Golson in memory of his friend and colleague Clifford Brown, the great jazz trumpeter who tragically died in an auto accident at the age of 25. ♦ This morning's Litany of Remembrance is adapted from a Catholic Litany of the Saints composed by John Becker. ♦ The Offertory is the central movement of the Requiem by German composer Johannes Brahms. Brahms composed this large-scale work after the death of his mother in 186; it was completed in 1869.

*As part of our commitment to racial justice, each worship service includes wisdom or an artistic gift from people or communities-of-color.*