



Winchester  
Unitarian  
Society

Easter  
April 17, 2022





## Welcome to EASTER!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, April 17, 2022

### April's Theme is "Awakening"

#### Centering Thought

*We don't live into our redemption very much, or get to win the fight over death. Jesus' resurrection is a symbol and a promise that we are redeemed and that death's dominion is not the final word. On Easter the Deep Magic breaks through. We proclaim and sing that love's redeeming work is done — and then get back to that very work. - Rev. Sarah Stewart*

#### Gathering Music

John Kramer

#### Invitation to Greeting

Rev. Hank Peirce

*Note that during this time, 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*

**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

Peter McEntee

#### Invocation

by Rev. Polly Leland-Mayer

Rev. Hank Peirce

#### Chalice Lighting

Words by Richard Bach

Rev. Hank Peirce

#### \*Hymn #61

Lo, The Earth Awakes Again

#### Prayer

*from Services of Religion*

Rev. Hank Peirce

#### Kindling of the Light

Barakaat (The Blessing), Abdullah Ibrahim

John Kramer

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

#### Silence

#### Solo

Dawn's Awakening, Florence Price

Kirsten Hart

#### Reading

Passover by Rev. Kathleen McTigue

Peter McEntee

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Reflection**

Becoming Free

Rev. Hank Peirce

**Offering**

Peter McEntee

This morning, we share our gifts with Common Cathedral, who builds community, by providing spiritual care, and bridging the gap between housed and unhoused people in the Boston area. Through a range of programs, we empower, nurture and celebrate those whom society passes by. Common Cathedral was established as an outdoor congregation in 1994, inspired by Jesus's example of love and compassion. We work in the hope for a world where every human being is valued. We are non-proselytizing and ecumenical. We welcome and support all people.

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.

If you are visiting for the first time, we invite you to be our guest. The most valuable thing you can offer is your completed visitor information card so we can stay connected beyond this Sunday. Those in the Sanctuary may find blank cards in the pew rack in front of you and put your completed card in the plate. Online visitors can fill out the virtual visitor card here: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSVirVisCard>

**Offertory**

Hallelujah Chorus by G.F. Handel

WUS Adult Choir

**Affirmation of Shared Ministry**

Peter McEntee

*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 #270**

O Day of Light and Gladness

**Benediction**

by Rev. Josh Pawelek

Rev. Hank Peirce

**Postlude**

Toccatà

C.M. Widor

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## Extinguishing the Chalice

Peter McEntee

*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.

This service has ended but our life of service continues.

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

### Serving Today

Rev. Hank Peirce Minister or Preacher, Peter McEntee, Worship Associate

John Kramer, Director of Music · Sean Yun, Livestream Coordinator

If you experience any technical issues with the livestream, please contact the livestream coordinator at [wusstreaming@gmail.com](mailto:wusstreaming@gmail.com)

Ushers and Greeters Gordy McIntosh, Phil Coonley, Susan Woodward, Marilyn Mullane.  
The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener. Today's PCA is Donna Reed – (781) 626-1785

The Alter Flowers today are given in celebration of Dawn Kelley Bartlett's birthday

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

### Music Notes:

The Kindling music this morning is the very beautiful *Barakaat*, meaning blessing in Arabic, by South African pianist Abdullah Ibrahim from his 1998 album *African Suite*. ♦ The solo, offered in this month of Awakening, is by the African-American composer Florence Price with text by James Joseph Burke. ♦ We conclude with two Easter favorites, the Hallelujah Chorus and the Widor toccata. Note that while the Hallelujah chorus is often sung at Christmas, it is celebrating the passion and resurrection of Christ, coming at the end of Part II of the oratorio *The Messiah*.