

# Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, June 19, 2022

## Centering Thought

“Why Bother?”

“Because right now there is someone out there with a wound in the exact shape of your words.”

- by Sean Thomas Dougherty from *The Second O of Sorrow*

**Gathering Music**      *Prelude from Suite Bergamasque*, Claude Debussy      John Kramer  
Inspired by Paul Verlaine: “Your soul is like a landscape fantasy, Where masks and Bergamasks, in charming wise, Strum lutes and dance, just a bit sad to be Hidden beneath their fanciful disguise.”

## Community Welcome and Announcements

Martin Newhouse

**Community Greeting** *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*

**Opening Words** “The Worst Thing We Ever Did” By Chelan Harkin      The Rev. Heather Janules

**Chalice Lighting**      “How Poets Pray” By Angela Herrera (Abridged)

**\*Hymn # 326**      *Let All the Beauty We Have Known*

1 Let all the beauty we have known  
illuminate our hearts and minds.  
Rejoice in wonders daily shown,  
in faith and joy, and love that binds.

2 We celebrate with singing hearts  
the loveliness of sky and earth,  
the inspiration of the arts,  
the miracle of ev'ry birth.

3 Life's music and its poetry  
surround and bless us through our days.  
For these we sing in harmony,  
together giving thanks and praise.

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## Joys and Sorrows

Including "Blessing When the World is Ending" by Jan Richardson  
*At this time, you are invited to come forward, light a candle and share a joy or sorrow you carry within. Please note that as this service is being livestreamed, it is available over the internet in the moment and as an archived recording.*

## Silence

### Hymn # 296

*O Ye Who Taste That Love is Sweet*

*Please remain seated*

O fi-li-i et fi-li-ae, Alleluia.

1 O ye who taste that love is sweet, set waymarks for the doubtful feet that stumble on in search of it. Alleluia.

2 Sing hymns of love; that some who hear far off, in pain, may lend an ear. Rise up and wonder and draw near. Alleluia.

3 Lead lives of love; that others who behold your lives may kindle too with love, and cast their lot with you. Alleluia.

## A Communal Sharing of Poetry

Martin Newhouse

### Offering

The offering is a spiritual practice, a collective affirmation of our shared values and commitment to the mission of this liberal religious congregation. Here are the different ways you can donate to the Winchester Unitarian Society.

Those attending by livestream will see information about how to give. 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.

### Offertory

*The Poet Speaks, Robert Schumann*

John Kramer

## Affirmation of Shared Ministry

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 # 309**

*Earth is Our Homeland*

1 Earth is our homeland: a song of stars, a grace  
wrought of the ages, an opal spun in space!  
Dawn's far blue hill, soft nighttime still, dark ocean depth, smooth stone—  
for gifts sublime that hallow time we'll sing, making deep thanksgiving known.

2 Word is our glory, our breath of air, our cry!  
Parables, letters, or starnames in the sky,  
or myths that play as poets pray bring meaning to our lives.  
For ev'ry praise that hones our days we'll sing, till the final day arrives.

3 Music is wonder, an alchemy of art,  
love's pure enchantment, communion for the heart!  
From chants to Psalms, from jazz to Brahms, no soul may stay at rest.  
For starry choir in sky afire we'll sing, joined with them in anthem blessed.

4 Hope is our high star, the certitude love brings;  
silence our center, our living water's spring.  
Though aching heart know self apart from Whole and Mystery,  
for gatherings of strengthening we'll sing, throughout human history.

**Benediction**

“More Notes on Survival” By Nikita Gill

**Postlude** *Ritmo moderato e con sentimento, Quasi Gavotte*, Nathaniel Dett John Kramer  
on lines from “Epimetheus” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: “Have I dreamed? or was it real,  
What I saw as in a vision, When to marches hymeneal In the land of the Ideal Moved my  
thought o'er Fields Elysian?”

**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.

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All are welcome to join a virtual conversation about the service (except on July 10th)  
by logging on to [www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship) at 1pm.

**Serving Today**

The Rev. Heather Janules Worship Leader · Martin Newhouse, Worship Associate  
John Kramer, Director of Music · Sean Yun, Livestream Coordinator

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