

# Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, October 2, 2022

October's Theme is "Courage"

## Centering Thought

"...One result of today's decision is certain: the curtailment of women's rights, and of their status as free and equal citizens. Yesterday, the Constitution guaranteed that a woman confronted with an unplanned pregnancy could...make her own decision about whether to bear a child, with all the life-transforming consequences that act involves. And in thus safeguarding each woman's reproductive freedom, the Constitution also protected '[t]he ability of women to participate equally in [this Nation's] economic and social life...But no longer.'" - From the dissent of Justices Breyer, Sotomayor, and Kagan in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* (June, 2022)

## Gathering Music

John Kramer

## Invitation to Greeting

The Rev. Heather Janules

*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

Heather Janules

You may also review weekly announcements at [www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings)

## Invocation

"Prayer" by Norman Finkelstein

Martin Newhouse

## Chalice Lighting

Psalm 1 (a modern version)

## \*Hymn #6

*Just as Long as I Have Breath*

Gray Hymnal

## First Reflection

"Don't Tickle Me, Elmo!"

Brenna

Mayer,

Coordinator of Children's Religious Education

## 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.



**Offertory**

*Hope* by Lars Jansson

**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.

**\*Hymn #1026**

*If Every Woman in the World*

Teal Hymnal

If every woman in the world had her mind set on freedom,  
If every woman in the world dreamed a sweet dream of peace,  
If every woman of every nation, young and old, each generation,  
Held her hands out in the name of love, there would be no more war.

If every man in the world had his mind set on freedom,  
If every sibling stood with sibling as a witness to peace,  
If every man of every nation, young and old, each generation,  
Held his hands out in the name of love, there would be no more war.

If every leader in the world shared a vision of freedom,  
If every leader in the world shared a sweet dream of peace,  
If every leader of every nation, worked for justice and liberation,  
Holding hands in the name of love, there would be no more war.

If every nation in the world set a true course for freedom,  
If every nation raised its children in a culture of peace,  
If all our children, all our kindred, reached for friendship across the waters  
And refused to be enemies there would be no more war.

**Benediction**

“Start Fresh” (from the 2015 Prayerbook for the Days of Awe)

Martin Newhouse

**Postlude**

*If Every Woman in the World*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## 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.

**A discussion about today's service will take place in the Parlor at noon.  
Virtual attendees are welcome to join via the Virtual Social Hour link below.**

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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)

***Flower Dedication:*** *The altar flowers are dedicated to all those whose lives have been affected by the need for reproductive justice and those who have fought for and continue to strive for these human rights.*

## Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Sophia Sid, Barbara Keyes

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

John Kramer, *Director of Music* • Martin Newhouse, *Worship leader*  
Heather Janules, *Parish Minister* • Brenna Mayer, *Coordinator of Children's Religious Education*  
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.*

## Music Notes:

Today's music centers around hope. Ysaye Barnwell is best known for her role in leading the vocal ensemble *Sweet Honey in the Rock*. Her version of *Hope* was first recorded in 1998. The Kindling music was originally written as a *Song Without Words* and later named *Hope* due to the feeling it evokes. Lars Jansson is a Swedish jazz pianist and composer, and his thoughts on *Hope* were first recorded in 1999.

