

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Alison Kirchgasser and Liz Lintz

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* · Marcy Tompson, *Worship Associate* · Heather Janules, *Parish Minister* · Jay Kwan, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

Vicky Coccoluto, Ivan Correia, Terry Currier, Terrill Levering (Clerk,) Gordy McIntosh (Co-Chair,) Claire McNeill, Fritzie Nace (Co-Chair,) Martin Newhouse, Brad Steele (Treasurer,) Marcy Tompson and George "Woody" Wood

Contact your Standing Committee via **SC@winchesteruu.org**

This is a Welcoming Congregation, intentionally welcoming and affirming of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

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

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, January 1, 2023

Happy New Year!

January's Theme is "Finding Our Center"

Centering Thought

"We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives...not looking for flaws, but for potential." — Ellen Goodman

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

The Rev. Heather Janules

In person attendees: Note that 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. Livestreamers: Please let us know who you are and what's on your mind by sending an email to checkingin@winchesteruu.org

Ring 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

Marcy Tompson

You may also review weekly announcements at www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Invocation

By Joan Javier Duval

Heather Janules

Chalice Lighting

By Lisa Doege

*Hymn #38

Morning Has Broken

Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection *Tigers and Apples and Candles - Oh, My!*
Heather Janules

Meditation “Transforming the New Year” by Tim Atkins (Adapted)
Heather Janules

Kindling of the Light *The Old Year Now has Passed Away,* J.S. Bach
For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you,
please raise your hand.

Silence

Hymn #391 *Voice Still and Small* Gray Hymnal
Please remain seated

Second Reflection “A Time Capsule for 2022” Heather Janules

Offering Marcy Tompson

This morning, we share our gifts with **Winchester Got Lunch**,
“provid[ing] healthy lunch foods during the summer for students
who may rely on subsidized school-year lunches or who are
nutritionally challenged due to unforeseen circumstances.”

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 *January*, Pytor Tchaikovsky

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.

A Ritual of Letting Go

***Hymn #350** *The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time* Gray Hymnal

Benediction by Erika Hewitt (Abridged)

Postlude *The New Rag*, Scott Joplin

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.

Flower Dedication: *Today’s altar flowers are dedicated to the memory
of Velma Kelley, whose birthday falls on January 6th,
by the Kelley Family in perpetuity.*