Welcome to Worship! Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, April 16, April's Theme is "Resistance"

Livestream Attendees: To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue, email <u>checkingin@winchesteruu.org</u> or call the WUS Office -781.729.0949

Centering Thought

"... We feel the hot winds of wildfire, the disruptions of pandemic, and the choked breath of the victims of state violence. We know there is no going back to 'normal.' The path forward demands that we take our rightful places as the younger siblings in creation, deferring to the oceans, forests, and mountains as our teachers. Those whose skin is the color of soil are reviving their ancestral and ancient practice of listening to the Earth to know which way to go. It is by listening that we can heal our society's sickness." - Leah Penniman, author of Farming While Black

Gathering Music

Joe Mulholland

Stephen Perepeluk

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

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 *You may also review weekly announcements at* <u>www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings</u>

*Please rise in body or in spirit

Invocation	By Laura Bogle (Abridged)	Heather Janules	
Chalice Lighting	By Kate McPhee, WUSYG Alumn		
*Hymn # 21	For the Beauty of the Earth	Gray Hymnal	
First Reflection	<i>Planting Seeds: Service Trip Blessing</i> Brenna Mayer, Sam Wilson and Heather Janules		

Participants: Giorgio Cantoni, Rebecca Vernaglia, Ryan McDowell, Riley Simpson, Caspian Lepera, Isaac Kamikawa, Larkin Gardinier, Noah Brykman, Anya L'Esperance, Diana Jaquinta, Adah Nordan and Maddie Kolberg

Chaperones: Alison Luck, Gordy McIntosh, Roofus Hoffmann; Led by Sam Wilson

BlessingThe Light WithinJohn KramerAs 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.

> At this point, those remaining in the Sanctuary may gather "mask optional."

Meditation "Let Our Table Stand Like an Altar" By Lillian Nye

(Abridged)

Kindling of the LightPeace, Horace SilverFor those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you,
please raise your hand.

Silence			Benedic
Hymn # 15	The Lone, Wild Bird	Gray Hymnal	Postlud
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Reading		Harris Gibson	Please r
Second Reflection	"Heal the Earth and Heal the Harvesting Wholeness Throug	•	W co he
Offering	9	Stephen Perepeluk	
This morning, we share our gifts with Food Link whose mission is "to create a more equitable food system throughout Greater Boston by rescuing and distributing high-quality, customized food to under-resourced communities and by advocating for systems change."			Flower
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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 # 163** For the Earth Forever Turning Gray Hymnal

Benediction	By Robin Wall Kimmerer (Adapted)
Postlude	Joy Spring, Clifford Brown
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: The chancel flowers are dedicated in celebration of Dawn Kelley Bartlett's birthday by the Kelley family

Serving Today

<u>Ushers and Greeters</u>: Alison Kirchgasser, Sara Delano, Sheila Rudolph-Correia and Claire McNeill

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

Joe Mulholland, Guest Director of Music · The Rev. Heather Janules, Parish Minister · Stephen Perepeluk and Harris Gibson, Worship Associates · Brenna Mayer, Children's Religious Education Coordinator · Sam Wilson, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries · Sean Yun, 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

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