

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 checkingin@winchesteruu.org 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

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

Stephen Perepeluk

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

**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

Planting Seeds: Service Trip Blessing
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

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.

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 Light

Peace, Horace Silver

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

