

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, April 9, 2023

April's Theme is "Resistance"

## Happy Easter!

**Livestream Attendees:** To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue, email [checkingin@winchesteruu.org](mailto:checkingin@winchesteruu.org) or call the WUS Office - 781.729.0949

### Centering Thought

"Life is the march of all things resurrected and being resurrected. Behind each flower, every tree, each nesting bird, every breath that we take, and every cherished dream that we hold there runs this irrepressible theme of resurrection. For life is not so shallow or weak or inattentive as to permit the finality of an end."

— Craig D. Lounsbrough

### 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](mailto: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

Martin Newhouse

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

### Invocation

By Peggy Clarke

Heather Janules

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

### Chalice Lighting

From "The Glad Surprise" (Adapted)

by Howard Thurman

### \*Hymn #61

*Lo, The Earth Awakes Again*

Gray Hymnal

### First Reflection

"Everyday Miracles"

Brenna Mayer

### Meditation

"Choose to Bless the World" (Abridged)

by Rebecca Parker

### Kindling of the Light

*A Flower is a Lovesome Thing*

Billy Strayhorn

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

### Silence

### Hymn #66

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Gray Hymnal

*Please remain seated*

### Second Reflection

"Practice Resurrection"

Heather Janules

### Offering

Martin Newhouse

This morning, we share our gifts with **The Nature Conservancy**, whose mission is "to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. [Their] vision is a world where the diversity of life thrives, and people act to conserve nature for its own sake and its ability to fulfill our needs and enrich our lives."

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically.

**Text (781) 230-6690** or visit [www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline](http://www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline)

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**      “Hallelujah Chorus” from *The Messiah*, G.F. Handel  
WUS Adult and Youth Choirs

**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 #270**              *O Day of Light and Gladness*              Gray Hymnal

**Benediction**

**Postlude and Reverse Offering**              *Toccata*, C.M. Widor

**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.

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**Flower Dedication:** The chancel flowers celebrate the emerging Spring, the miracle of the seasons and the signs of resurrection all around us.

**Serving Today**

Ushers and Greeters: Alison Kirchgasser, Chuck Khuen and Julie Khuen

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener.

Today's PCA is Carol Delaney @ 781-507-3366

John Kramer, *Director of Music* · Martin Newhouse, *Worship Associate*  
· The Rev. Heather Janules, *Parish Minister* · Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* · Sean Yun and Griffin Correia, *Livestream Coordinators*

**WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members**

Vicky Cocoluto, 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](mailto:SC@winchesteruu.org)

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