

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, May 14, 2023

May's Theme is "Creativity"

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

"All the arts we practice are apprenticeship.
The big art is our life." - M.C. Richards

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

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

Peter McEntee

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

Call to Worship

Count on Me, Bruno Mars Children's Chorale
Kirsten Hart, Director

Chalice Lighting

By Evin Carvill-Ziemer (Adapted)

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

*Hymn #91

Mother of All

Gray Hymnal

New members will sign the membership book during the opening hymn

Celebration of New Members

Sophia Sid and Liz Lintz, Membership Committee Co-Chairs
Sheila Rudolph Correia, Susan Woodward and Alison Kirchgasser
Heather Janules and Brenna Mayer

Today, we joyfully welcome into membership Saṛa Darrieulat, Melissa Hey, Jeanne Johnson, Michelle Johnson, Thomas James Moutinho, Jr., Riley Simpson, Rebecca Vernaglia and Christopher Weigand

Affirmation: We welcome you with anticipation and joy. We hope you find here room to flourish, in mind, body, and spirit. We accept you into our community as companions in the spiritual journey. We pledge to rejoice with you in times of happiness, to grieve with you in times of sorrow, and to share with you all the blessings of our free faith.

First Reflection

Words That Changed the World

Brenna Mayer

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 remove their masks if they wish.

Kindling of the Light *Ave Maria*, Franz Schubert
*For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you,
please raise your hand.*

Silence

Hymn #289 *Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give* Gray Hymnal
Please remain seated

Second Reflection “Confessions of a Creator” John Kramer

Anthem *It Couldn't Be Done*, Eleanor Daley WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection “Art, Fear and the Courage to Create”
Heather Janules

Offering Peter McEntee

This morning, we share our gifts with today's Mother's Day Walk for Peace, benefitting the **Louis D. Brown Peace Institute**. Founded in 1996 by the parents still grieving a recent loss of their son to violence, the Institute has been “a healing center, a training resource, and an education program for the city of Boston and surrounding communities.”

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text (781) 230-6690** or visit 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 *Songs My Mother Taught Me*, Charles Ives

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 #309** *Earth is Our Homeland* Gray Hymnal

Benediction Including words by James Baldwin

Postlude *Exultation No. 1*, John Kramer

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 flowers are dedicated by Larry Banks, in memory of Elinor and Herd Judd and Florence and Sam Banks, and in honor of Mothers everywhere.*

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Susan Woodward,
Sheila Correia and Joan Baldwin

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* · The Rev. Heather Janules, *Parish Minister* · Peter McEntee, *Worship Associate* · Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* · Sean Yun and Jason Tran, *Livestream Coordinators*

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-of-color.

Music Notes:

The anthem this morning is by Canadian composer Eleanor Daley (b.1955). She sets the whimsical poem by Edgard Guest which reminds us that the most difficult part of any task (especially creative ones) is just to tackle the thing and do it. In other music, we have the wonderful song by pop sensation Bruno Mars which reminds us how important it is that we have each other to count on when we need help. The Kindling music is my rendition of the Schubert classic ode to the Mother of God. American composer Charles Ives sets the poem by Czech composer Adolf Heyduk in an English translation. And I thought it fitting to end with some music that I created as we celebrate the courage to create.