

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, June 11, 2023

June's Theme is "Delight"

**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

*"This beautiful flower on this beautiful tree has been given many names. Nothing that we call it can take away from what it is. Beautiful, natural, blooming. And so are you beloved sibling. They may call us many names but nothing can change who we are. Naturally occurring, beautiful, blooming. I am because you are. You are because I am. I love you. I need you to survive."*

- The Rev. Ali KC Bell (Rev. Ali is a Black, transmasculine person. His pronouns are he, they, Ali)

### 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

Marcy Tompson

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

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Invocation** By the Rev. Norbert Čapek The Rev. Heather Janules

**Chalice Lighting** By Amy Zucker Morgenstern Ella Kromm

**\*Hymn #21** *For the Beauty of the Earth* Gray Hymnal

**First Reflection** *100 Years, Infinite Colors* Brenna Mayer  
*The children will bring the flowers to the altar at the beginning of the First Reflection.*

**Consecration of the Flowers** The Rev. Dr. Petr Samojský  
Minister of the Prague Unitarian Congregation in the Czech Republic

**Kindling of the Light** *Lavender Fields*, Karen Tanaka  
*For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.*

### Silence

**Hymn #8** *Mother Spirit, Father Spirit* Color Hymnal  
*Please remain seated*

**Second Reflection** "Annuals and Perennials" Heather Janules

**Offering** Marcy Tompson

This morning, we share our gifts with the **Czech Unitarian Religious Society**, supporting their Czech Unitarian Summer Camp for youth, children, and families, Ukrainian refugees in the Czech Republic and the Czech Unitarian Academy, training for lay leaders and ministers.

The Share the Plate amount will be matched, up to \$500, from the Minister's Discretionary Fund to benefit **First Parish in Malden**.

First Parish is accepting donations to provide direct support, mutual aid and to sustain travel networks for transgender people and transgender families seeking care or relocation due to recent anti-trans laws in their home states.

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**                    *I Am the Rose of Sharon*, William Billings  
WUS Adult Choir

**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.

**Exchange of the Flowers**    *Heliotrope Bouquet*, Joplin & Chauvin  
*When invited to do so, please come forward and select a flower different than the one you brought to worship. If you would like a flower brought to you, please raise your hand.*

**\*Hymn #66**                    *When the Summer Sun is Shining*    Gray Hymnal

**Benediction**                    By Susan Frederick Gray (Adapted)

**Postlude**                        *Waltz of the Cornflowers and the Poppies*  
*(You are invited to waltz if you'd like)*                    Alexander Glazunov

## 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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## Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Susan Woodward and Friends

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

Today's PCA is Vicky Coccoluto @ 781-729-9313

John Kramer, *Director of Music* · The Rev. Heather Janules, *Parish Minister* · Marcy Tompson, *Worship Associate* · Ella Kromm, *Worship and Administration Intern* · Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* · Griffin Correia, *Livestream Coordinator* · The Rev. Cynthia Davidson, *Affiliated Community Minister*

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

Dennis Brett, Vicky Coccoluto, Chuck Khuen, Liz Lintz (Clerk,) Gordy McIntosh, Claire McNeill, Fritzie Nace, Martin Newhouse, Stephen Perepeluk, Brad Steele (Treasurer) and Marcy Tompson

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.*

**Music Notes:**

The Anthem is by the early American composer, and native Bostonian, William Billings (1746-1800). The text comes from the Hebrew Bible, *The Song of Solomon 2:1-11*. This book is simultaneously described as an allegory of the relationship between God and Israel, Christ and his followers (most probably Billings's intent), and the relationship between two people. In particular, this text compares love to a variety of flowers and flowering plants, a perfect companion to today's service.

**WARRANT FOR A SPECIAL  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
OF THE WINCHESTER UNITARIAN  
SOCIETY**

**Sunday, June 11, 2023**

**Meeting convenes after service at approximately 11:30 pm**

A Special Congregational Meeting of the Winchester Unitarian Society will be held at the church, 478 Main Street, Winchester, Massachusetts, on 11 June 2023, to consider the following:

**Article I**

To hear and act on the Report of the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee (NLDC) to elect Rebecca Keller and Matthew McPhee as Trustees of Permanent Funds.

By order of the Standing Committee

Elizabeth Lintz  
Standing Committee Clerk

The meeting will conclude with words by newly-elected Affiliated Community Minister, the Rev. Cynthia Davidson