

Serving Today

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

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, June 18, 2023

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

Wearing masks is encouraged but not required.

Centering Thought

“Every heart sings a song, incomplete, until another heart whispers back. Those who wish to sing always find a song. At the touch of a lover, everyone becomes a poet.” — Plato

Gathering Music *The Poet Speaks*, Robert Schumann John Kramer

Community Welcome, Announcements and Invitation to Greeting

Ella Kromm

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*

Opening Words “Eagle Poem” by Joy Harjo
The Rev. Heather Janules

Chalice Lighting By Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (Adapted)

***Hymn #64** *Oh, Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today* Robert Frost
Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Poem "The Heart of Our Faith" by Monica Jacobson Tennesen
Heather Janules

Joys and Sorrows Heather Janules and Ella Kromm
At this time, you are invited to come forward, light a candle, and share a joy or sorrow you carry within. Please note that as this service is being livestreamed, it is available over the internet in the moment and as an archived recording. If anyone wishes to have a candle brought to them, please raise your hand.

Silence

Hymn #398 *To See the World*, William Blake Gray Hymnal
Please remain seated

A Sharing of Poems

Offering Ella Kromm

The offering is a spiritual practice, a collective affirmation of our shared values and commitment to the mission of this liberal religious congregation.

Here are the different ways you can donate to the Winchester Unitarian Society: 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.

Offertory *Poem*, Zdenek Fibich

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 #296** *O Ye Who Taste That Love is Sweet*, Christina Rossetti
Gray Hymnal

Benediction "A Blessing for After" by Jan Richardson

Postlude *Sonetto 104 del Petrarca*, Franz Liszt

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.