Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, June 4, 2023 June's Theme is "Delight"

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

Centering Thought

"Three Pines is a state of mind. When we choose tolerance over hate. Kindness over cruelty...When we choose to be hopeful, not cynical. Then we live in Three Pines." - Louise Penny, *Glass Houses*

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 AnnouncementsStephen PerepelukYou may also review weekly announcements atwww.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Invocation By Nathan Ryan (Adapted) Heather Janules

Chalice Lighting

By Frances Koziar, Canadian UU Young Adult (Abridged)

*Please rise in body or in spirit

*Hymn #65	The Sweet June Days	Gray Hymnal
First Reflection	A Bargain for Frances by Russell Hoban	
		Brenna Mayer

Religious Education Appreciation

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.

Prayer

Kindling of the LightReverie, Claude DebussyFor those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you,
please raise your hand.

Silence

Hymn Sanctuary

Please remain seated

Make us aware we are a Sanctuary Each made holy and love right through With thanksgiving, we are a living Sanctuary anew.

Reading	By Louise Penny
	Stephen Perepeluk and Heather Janules

Anthem A La Claire Fontaine, arr. Larry Nickel WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection "The Gospel According to Three Pines" Heather Janules

Offering

Stephen Perepeluk

This morning, we share our gifts with **Wright Locke Farm**, whose mission is to build "broad community and...model sustainable practices through active learning, organic agriculture, land stewardship, and an appreciation of our historic New England farm."

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 Claire de Lune, by Gabriel Faure Brendan Buckley

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 #410

Surprised by Joy

Gray Hymnal

Postlude

Laurentide Waltz, by Oscar Peterson

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 to our hardworking and creative Religious Education teachers and volunteers!

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Liz Lintz, Sophia Sid and Gordy McIntosh

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener. Today's PCA is Dennis Brett @ 781.729.7787

John Kramer, Director of Music · The Rev. Heather Janules, Parish Minister · Stephen Perepeluk, Worship Associate · Brenna Mayer, Children's Religious Education Coordinator · Jay Kwan, Livestream Coordinator

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

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

Benediction

Music Notes:

The delightful, imagined village of Three Pines is located in Canada, a short drive from Montreal and not too far from the U.S. border. Hence our tribute to French Canadian and French music. • A la Claire Fontaine is a traditional French song which appears in Quebec as early as 1604. It tells an equally old story: one of lost love. Pay attention to the chorus: "Il y a longtemps que je t'aime, Jamais je ne t'oublierai," translated as: "I've loved you for a long time, I will never forget you." • We have some French music as well as represented by Debussy and Faure. • The postlude brings us back to Canada with music by Oscar Peterson, born in Montreal in 1945. The Laurentide Waltz comes from his 1964 Canadiana Suite and is an homage to the Laurentian Mountains, just north of Montreal and Three Pines.