

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, August 27

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

“Those most harmed by the divisive and stressful times we live in are in need of faith tenets that can hold us fast in confusing times and help us make ethical and values-based choices about how to engage”
- *Widening the Circle of Concern* by the UUA’s Commission on Institutional Change

Gathering Music

Joe Mulholland

Community Welcome, Announcements and Invitation to Greeting

Marcy Tompson

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*

Responsive Invocation By Monica Jacobson-Tennessee (Adapted)
Rev. Heather Janules

Please respond with the words printed in italic type.

We come today to join in the spirit of love and the service of life. We come today to be part of the stream of living tradition.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

All: *In our gathering, may we be blessed.*

Our shared faith is made up of the people who gather.
Our shared faith is called by the beacon of love and justice.
Our shared faith is breathed into life by the questions and the actions of the people.

All: *Through our faith, may we strive to use our hearts, minds, and deeds to bring more love, justice, and truth into the world. May we seek to serve Life, each with our own gifts and in our own ways, always doing so in love. May we know ourselves held in the Love that is always with us.*

Chalice Lighting By Barbara Pescan (Adapted) Lit by Ella Kromm

***Hymn # 34** *Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire* Gray Hymnal

Celebration of Ella Kromm’s Service with WUS

Joys and Sorrows

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 # 123 *Spirit of Life* Gray Hymnal
Please remain seated

Visual Reflection A Discussion of What Inspired Revisiting Article II with the Rev. Mr. Barb Greve, Former UUA Co-Moderator

Reflection “From Principles to Pinwheels: Article II”
Rev. Heather Janules with assistance by Marcy Tompson

Offering

Marcy Tompson

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 GIVE to (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

Come Sunday, Duke Ellington

Joe Mulholland

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 # 131

Love Will Guide Us

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

By Rebekah Savage

Postlude

Sail Away, Tom Harrell

Joe Mulholland

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.

All are welcome to join an in-person conversation about today's service in the Parlor or to participate virtually by logging in to www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship at 11:30 am.

Serving Today

Joe Mulholland, *Guest Director of Music* • Ella Kromm, *Worship and Administrative Intern* • The Rev. Heather Janules, *Worship Leader* • Marcy Tompson, *Worship Associate* • Isaac Kamikawa, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

Dennis Brett, Vicky Coccoluto, Chuck Khuen, Liz Lintz (Clerk), Gordy McIntosh (Chair), Claire McNeill, Fritzie Nace, Martin Newhouse (Vice Chair), 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.