

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, November 12, 2023  
**November's Theme is "Generosity"**

**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

"I am the knowledge of the knower.  
There is no limit to my divine manifestations." - Bhagawad Gita

### 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

Stephen Perepeluk

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

### Invocation

"A Prayer for Diwali"

Dr. Swati Mukherjee

### Chalice Lighting

Harris Gibson

Lit by Ryan and Neil Mukherjee

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

### \*Hymn # 178

*Raghupati Rhagav*

Gray Hymnal

### First Reflection

*The Story of Hanuman - The Monkey God*

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.

**Meditation** Om Swati Mukherjee

**Kindling of the Light** *Raintree Sketch No. 2 (Celestially Light,)*

Toru Takemitsu

*For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.*

**Silence**

**Hymn #83** Winds Be Still Gray Hymnal

*Please remain seated*

**Second Reflection** "Diwali in my Eyes" Suman Mukherjee

**Anthem** *Gitanjali Chants* by Craig Hella Johnson WUS Adult Choir

**Third Reflection**

**Offering** Stephen Perepeluk

This morning, we share our gifts with the **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee**, whose mission is to "[advance] human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies. [Their] work is grounded in the belief that all people have inherent power and dignity."

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** *Celestial Light* by Bruce Gertz

**Affirmation of Shared Ministry** Harris Gibson

*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 #118**

*This Little Light of Mine*

Gray Hymnal

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Jodi Tur Dak* by Rabindranath Tagore

**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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***Flower Dedication:*** Today's altar flowers honor all those around the world celebrating Diwali today.

**Serving Today**

Ushers and Greeters: Donna Reed, Ginger Hanson,  
Alison Kirchgasser 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 Donna Reed @ 781-626-1785  
or at the pew closest to the candle table  
immediately after the service

John Kramer, *Director of Music* ☐ Drs. Swati and Suman Mukherjee and the Rev. Heather Janules, *Worship Leaders* ☐ Harris Gibson and Stephen Perepeluk, *Worship Associates* ☐ Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* ☐ Issac Kamikawa, *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*