

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, November 26, 2023

November's Theme is "Generosity"

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

Centering Thought

"Every day send some blessings to the world. Let there be flow of love" — Amit Ray

Gathering Music

John Kramer

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

Ring 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

Invocation

By Alberto Alvaro Rios

The Rev. Lisa Perry-Wood

Chalice Lighting

By anastasi biros

***Hymn #38** *Morning Has Broken* Gray Hymnal

First Reflection *Magical Blessings* Rev. Lisa

Poem “Pray for Peace” by Ellen Bass
Kindling of the Light *Barakat (Blessing)* by Abdullah Ibrahim
*For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you,
please raise your hand.*

Silence

Hymn #55 *Dark of Winter* Gray Hymnal
Please remain seated

Reading “Choose to Bless the World” by the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker
Marcy Tompson

Second Reflection “Blessing Each Other” Rev. Lisa

Offering	Marcy Tompson
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This morning, we share our gifts with **Food Link**, a local “community organization that rescues fresh food, alleviates hunger, and contributes to environmental sustainability.”

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 *The Infinite Shining Heavens* by Ralph Vaughan Williams
(Text by Robert Louis Stevenson) Rob Woodin, Baritone

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 #126** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Gray Hymnal

Benediction By the Rev. Rachel Hayes

Postlude *Gratitude* by Eric Reed

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.

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Patty Cameron,
Alison Kirchgasser and Susan Woodward

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

Today's PCA is Kim Foley, who can be reached @ 339-227-0216
or at the pew closest to the candle table
immediately after the service.

John Kramer, *Director of Music* · The Rev. Lisa Perry-Wood, *Guest Preacher* · Marcy Tompson, *Worship Associate* · Rob Woodin, *Soloist* ·
Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator*
· Griffin Correia, *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.