

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, November 5, 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

"God remembers the dead by showing great mercy to the living."
— Lailah Gifty Akita

You are invited to place photos and small mementos on the chancel table before worship begins or during the opening hymn.

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

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 Heather Janules

Chalice Lighting By Florence Caplow (Adapted)

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

***Hymn #336** *All My Memories of Love* Gray Hymnal

First Reflection *Mysterious Love* Brenna Mayer

Blessing *There is a Love* Beth Norton/Rebecca Parker
As children and teachers leave for Religious Education, the community is invited to sing them on their way!

There is a love, holding me/us.
There is a love, holding all that I/we love.
There is a love, holding all
I/we rest in this love.

Offering Marcy Tompson

This morning, we share our gifts with the **US Forest Service's "A Living Tribute"** program. This program purchases young trees to be planted throughout the nation's national parks in memory of lost loved ones.

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 *Music, When Soft Voices Die* by John Kramer
WUS Adult Choir

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.

Blessing "Blessing for Life and the End of Life" by Natalie Fenimore

***Hymn #101** *Abide With Me, Vs 1* Gray Hymnal
Please remain seated.

Prayer *Hindu Mantra for Tarpan* Dr. Suman Mukherjee

Poem "Blessing When the World is Ending" by Jan Richardson

***Hymn #101** *Abide With Me, Vs 2* Gray Hymnal
Please remain seated.

Prayer *Mourners' Kaddish*
Rabbi Cari Bricklin-Small, Temple Shir Tikvah

Prayer "A Prayer for the Mothers of Life"
Rabbi Tamar Elad-Appelbaum and Sheikha Ibtisam Maḥameed
(Amichai Lau-Lavie (translation))

Prayer Dr. Fehmida Chipty, Dawoodi Bohra Muslim Community

***Hymn #101** *Abide With Me, Vs 3* Gray Hymnal
Please remain seated.

Prayer Christian All Souls Day Prayer

Poem "When You Meet Someone Deep in Grief"
by Patricia McKernon Runkle

Kindling of the Light *I Remember Clifford* by Benny Golson
*For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you,
please raise your hand.*

Silence

Sung Litany *You are Not Forgotten*, John Becker
Kirsten Hart and Brendan Buckley, Soloists

*The community is invited to offer the sung response,
"You are Not Forgotten," after each name is sung.*

Prayer

Postlude *Chaconne in E minor* by Dietrich Buxtehude

Benediction By Lee Heubert (Adapted)

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: The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Ginger Hanson: *Marking a full year without Brenda.*
Sending love to all who grieve.

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Robbie Brown 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 Dennis Brett @ 781-729-7787
or at the pew closest to the candle table
immediately after the service

John Kramer, *Director of Music* · The Rev. Heather Janules, *Parish Minister* · Marcy Tompson, *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.

Music Notes:

Music has always been a way to remember loved ones. Jazz saxophonist Benny Golson remembered the great trumpeter Clifford Brown in the jazz threnody played as the Kindling music this morning. We remember longtime member John Russell in the anthem *Music, When Soft Voices Lie*, commissioned by the Russell family for John's memorial service. And we remember individual names in the very powerful sung litany, borrowed from the Catholic liturgical tradition. We close with the beautiful Chaconne in E minor by the great German Baroque composer Dietrich Buxtehude.