

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, November 19, 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

"Whatever we are waiting for – peace of mind, contentment, grace, the inner awareness of simple abundance – it will surely come to us, but only when we are ready to receive it with an open and grateful heart." - Sarah Ban Breathnach

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 Announcements

Martin Newhouse

You may also review weekly announcements at

www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Invocation

By Richard M. Fewkes

Heather Janules

Chalice Lighting

By Katie Sivani Gelfand (Adapted)

Lit by May Darrieulat

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

*Hymn #21

For the Beauty of the Earth

Gray Hymnal

First Reflection

On Living in a Generous World Heather Janules

Responsive Reading

Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address

When invited to do so,

please respond with "And now our minds are one."

Kindling of the Light

Gratitude by Edvard Grieg

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

Silence

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 celebrate the many gifts we receive, with special appreciation for Cheryl Mederios Nancarrow's over 34 years of service as a WUS choir soloist.

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Barbara Keyes 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 Vicky Coccoluto, who can be reached @ 781-729-9313
or at the pew closest to the candle table
immediately after the service

John Kramer, *Director of Music* · The Rev. Heather Janules, *Parish Minister* · Martin Newhouse, *Worship Associate* · 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.

Music Notes:

Our Anthem this morning comes from the Shaker religious tradition. The song is commonly ascribed to Elder Joseph Brackett of the Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village in New Gloucester, Maine, and written around 1848. It reminds us that the simple gifts of connection and community are often all we need in order to "come round right". The Kindling music is from Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg and one of his many *Lyric Pieces* for piano. And we close with my setting of the old hymn tune *Nun Danket Alle Gott, Now Thank We All our God*.