# 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 <a href="mailto:checkingin@winchesteruu.org">checkingin@winchesteruu.org</a> 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

**\*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

<sup>\*</sup>Please rise in body or in spirit

**Hymn #289** Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Offering Martin Newhouse

This morning, we share our gifts with the **Minister's Discretionary Fund**. The MDF supports WUS members and those outside the congregation who are in financial need. Please see *Highlights* for more information about the Fund's current role in assisting the two Winchester families recovering from a house fire.

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** Simple Gifts, arr. J. Kramer

WUS Children's Choir and 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.

**Second Reflection** Random Acts of Grace Brenna Mayer

**Reverse Offering** 

Sung Response: "From you I receive, to you I give, together we share, and from this we live."

\*Hymn O We Give Thanks

Oh, we give thanks for this precious day, For all gathered here, and those far away; For this time we share with love and care, Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.

#### **Benediction**

**Postlude** Now Thank We All Our God by John Kramer

**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:** 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.