

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, January 21, 2024

### January's Theme is "Justice and Equity"

**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

"It always seems impossible until it is done." - Nelson Mandela

### 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

Marcy Tompson

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

### Invocation

The Rev. Mary Margaret Earl

### Chalice Lighting

Lit by Ken Mitchell

### \*Hymn #168

*One More Step*

Gray Hymnal

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

<b>First Reflection</b>	<i>Owl Moon</i> , by Jane Yolen	Brenna Mayer
<b>Blessing</b>	<i>The Light Within</i>	John Kramer
<i>As children and teachers leave for Religious Education, the community is invited to sing them on their way!</i>		
<p>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.</p>		
<b>Meditation</b>	“For Those Who Have Far to Travel” by Jan Richardson	
<b>Kindling of the Light</b>	<i>Adoration</i> , Florence Price	
<i>For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.</i>		
<b>Silence</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>There is a Love</i>	
<i>Please remain seated</i>		
<p>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.</p>		
<b>Reading</b>	“Wild” by Cheryl Strayed	Marcy Tompson
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Connected</i> , Brian Tate	WUS Adult Choir
<b>Second Reflection</b>	“The Way is Long”	Mary Margaret Earl

**Ritual**

“A Communion for the Activist’s Heart”

*When invited to do so, please come forward to select what you need for your journey. If you wish for these items to be brought to you, please raise your hand.*

**Offering**

Marcy Tompson

This morning, we share our gifts with the **Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry**, whose mission and vision are to “work across race and place to dismantle racism and white supremacy culture and to advance racial, social, and economic justice.” The UU Urban Ministry “envisions a Greater Boston where all people live with freedom and dignity, and have equitable access to resources and opportunity to shape the present and the future.”

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text GIVE to (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**

*‘Round Midnight, Thelonious Monk*

Tyson Kamikawa, Sax

**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 #108***My Life Flows On*

Gray Hymnal

## Benediction

Postlude

*Exultation #6,*

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.

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***Flower Dedication:*** Today's chancel flowers are dedicated to all those who have taken - and are taking - the long and challenging road towards justice, equity and collective liberation.

## Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: 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 @ 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* ◦  
Marcy Tompson, *Worship Associate* ◦ The Rev. Mary Margaret Earl, *Guest Preacher* ◦  
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 (Co-Chair,) Claire McNeill, Fritzie Nace, Martin Newhouse (Co-Chair,) Stephen Perepeluk, Brad Steele (Treasurer) and Marcy Tompson  
Contact your Standing Committee via [SC@winchesteruu.org](mailto: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**

The music this morning focuses on connection as we celebrate our association with the UU Urban Ministry. Brian Tate was inspired by subatomic physics to compose *Connected* – reminding us that we are, in fact, all composed of the same molecular material and therefore bound together. ♦ The Kindling Music is by African-American composer Florence Price who lived only a few miles away from the current location of the UUUM when she was attending the New England Conservatory of Music. ♦ And we draw a connection to our upcoming jazz concert with the beautiful ballad *'Round Midnight*.

**Save the Date!** Jazz Concert on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 8 pm  
See the back of this insert for more information...  
and share with your friends!

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Learn more about the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry's mission, programs and outreach by visiting <https://www.uuum.org/>

**Guest Preacher Biography:** We are delighted to welcome back into our pulpit the Rev. Mary Margaret Earl. Rev. Earl has served as Executive Director and Senior Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry for 9 years. In this ministry, she strengthens connections between UUs and the Roxbury neighborhood where the UUUM operates. She has served on the leadership team of Moral Movement Massachusetts, the Roxbury Cultural Network, and currently serves on the search committee for the new Roxbury Community College president. Prior to her arrival at the UU Urban Ministry, she spent 10 years at a faith-based nonprofit in RI serving the homeless community, served as president of the Board of the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless, received the Heroes of Faith Award from the Rhode Island State Council of Churches for her interfaith work, and received a Courage of Conscience award from the Peace Abbey in Sherborn, MA. She is a longtime vegan, committed to standing up for nonhuman animals.

The Winchester Unitarian Society 478 Main St., Winchester MA

# JAZZ

## In The SANCTUARY

Join us as we celebrate the music of jazz great Thelonious Monk. Come revel in classic tunes like "Round Midnight" and "Straight, No Chaser" as we pay tribute to this legend who has influenced generations of musicians.

Dino Govoni, Saxophone  
John Kramer, Piano  
Rick McLaughlin, Bass  
Bertram Lehmann, Drums

**Friday**  
**26<sup>TH</sup> of**  
**January**  
**at 8:00p.m.**

For information about  
this live concert and the  
streaming option visit  
our link below.

<https://www.winchesteruu.org/news/concert-series>

Suggested donation: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and \$5 students.