

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, February 18, 2024

February's Theme is "Liberating Love"

**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

"Practice corporeal politics. Power wants your body softening in your chair and your emotions dissipating on the screen. Get outside. Put your body in unfamiliar places with unfamiliar people. Make new friends and march with them." — Timothy Snyder

### 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

Ivan Correia

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

**Invocation** By Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe (Adapted)

Heather Janules

**Chalice Lighting** By Ben Soule

Lit by Larkin Gardinier

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**\*Hymn #100**                    *I've Got Peace Like a River*                    Gray Hymnal

**First Reflection**                    *Parts of a Tree*                    Heather Janules

**Blessing**                    *The Light Within*                    John Kramer  
*As children and teachers leave for Religious Education, the community is invited to sing them on their way!*

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.

**Meditation**    “To the People Who Have Mistaken Freedom for Liberation”  
By Julián Jamaica Soto

**Kindling of the Light**                    *Madrigal Divine, Nathaniel Dett*  
*For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.*

**Silence**

**Hymn #34**                    *Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire*                    Gray Hymnal  
*Please remain seated*

**Reading**                    By Jason Stanley                    Ivan Correia

**Anthem**                    *How Long?, Pepper Choplin*                    WUS Adult Choir

**Second Reflection**

“How Resistance Works”

Heather Janules

Including a reflection by Dr. Rev. Elizabeth Stevens

**Offering**

Ivan Correia

This morning, we share our gifts with the **American Civil Liberties Union**. In their words, “The ACLU dares to create a more perfect union — beyond one person, party, or side. Our mission is to realize this promise of the United States Constitution for all and expand the reach of its guarantees.”

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***Litany*, John Musto

Brendan Buckley, Tenor

**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***How Can I Keep From Singing?*

Gray Hymnal

**Benediction**

By Wayne Arnason

**Postlude***Liberated Brother*, Horace Silver

Tyson Kamikawa, Sax

## **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 celebrate the Fifth Principle of Unitarian Universalism -

*The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large*

### **Serving Today**

Ushers and Greeters: Sheila Rudolph-Correia, Deb Eiler, Fritzie Nace and Terry Currier

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* ◦ Ivan Correia, *Worship Associate* ◦ 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**

*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 anthem this morning asks the pertinent question, “How Long ‘til this world is free from suffering? ‘Til the power of love will come and heaven’s will is done.” A beautifully crafted work by the contemporary composer Pepper Choplin. ♦ For the Kindling music, we hear another selection from Dett’s *8 Bible Vignettes* - this one an imagined setting of Psalm 23. ♦ The Offertory is a profound setting of the Langston Hughes poem *Litany*, a true cry for the power of Liberating Love: “Gather up In the arms of your pity The sick, the depraved, The desperate, the tired, All the scum Of our weary city. Gather up In the arms of your pity. Gather up In the arms of your love– Those who expect No love from above.” ♦ And we close with a great number by jazz pianist and composer Horace Silver.