

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, February 25, 2024

February's Theme is "Liberating Love"

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

"Hope is not passive, it is an active force that can drive change."

- Edwidge Danticat

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

Marcy Tompson

You may also review weekly announcements at www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Invocation

By Marni Harmony (Adapted)

Heather Janules

Chalice Lighting

By Pat Uribe-Lichty

Lit by the McVey Family

*Hymn

For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table

See insert

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection *Better Together* Brenna Mayer

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.

Prayer By Jessica Vazquez Torres (Abridged)

Kindling of the Light *Solace*, Scott Joplin

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

Silence

Hymn #1048 *Ubi Caritas* Teal Hymnal

Please remain seated

Second Reflection, Part I *Connecting & Supporting Our Neighbors*
David Crowley and Vitalie Memeus

Anthem *Would You Harbor Me?*, Ysaye Barnwell WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection, Part II David Crowley

Offering Marcy Tompson

This morning, we share our gifts with **Social Capital Incorporated**, the organization David Crowley and Vitalie Memeus serve. The mission of SCI is “to strengthen communities by connecting diverse individuals and organizations through civic engagement initiatives.”

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text GIVE to (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 *Lady of the Harbor*, Lee Hoiby Cailin Smith, solo

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 #148** *Let Freedom Span Both East and West* Gray Hymnal

Benediction By Eric Williams

Postlude *Scherzo*, Erich Korngold

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.

SCI Social Capital Inc. is grateful for the congregation's interest in hearing about our work, particularly recent efforts to support our new neighbors from Haiti. You can sign up to receive email updates from SCI

at the following link - <https://socialcapitalinc.org/stay-in-touch>. Select the "Alert me to Woburn Unites Volunteer, Donation, and other Needs!" option to receive updates about ways to help the Haitian families staying locally.

Flower Dedication: This morning's chancel flowers are dedicated by Nancy Scott Newhouse "In memory of our parents, W. L. and Lelia Scott. Married on February 19th. Devoted, caring & enduring partners for 52 years."

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Patty Cameron, Jeanne Johnson, Michelle Johnson and Sheila Rudolph-Correia

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener. Today's PCA is Donna Reed @ 781-626-1785 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* ◦
Jason Tran, *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.

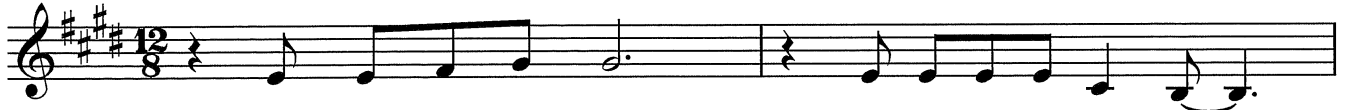
Music Notes:

This morning's anthem, by acclaimed musician Ysaye Barnwell, asks two simple questions: "Would you harbor me?" "Would I harbor you?" As a nation, we have aspired to be a place of safe harbor for immigrants. This is celebrated in the words that grace the Statue of Liberty, written by Emma Lazarus, and set by Lee Hoiby in the Offertory. And we have welcomed many immigrants and refugees, including the composer of the postlude, a Jew who left his native Austria in 1934 with the rise of the Nazis. Korngold received great acclaim for his film scores and became a U.S. citizen in 1943.

For Everyone Born

Shirley Erena Murray
with rev. by Daniel Charles Damon
and Carl P. Daw Jr.

Brian Mann



1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,___
2. For all who share life a place at the ta - ble,___
3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,___
4. For all who have breath, a place at the ta - ble,___
5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,___



for ev - ery - one born,___ clean wa - ter and bread,___
re - vis - ing the roles,___ de - cid - ing the share,___
a voice to be heard,___ a part in the song,___
a cov - en - ant shared,___ a wel - com - ing space,___
to live with - out fear,___ and sim - ply to be,___



a shel - ter, a space,___ a safe place for grow - ing,___
with wis - dom and grace,___ di - vi - ding the pow - er,___
the hands of a child,___ in hands that are wrin - kled,___
a rain - bow of race,___ and gen - der and col - or,___
to work, to speak out,___ to wit - ness and wor - ship,___



for ev - ery - one born,___ a star___ o - ver - head,
for all who share life___ a sys - tem that's fair.
for young and for old,___ the right___ to be - long.
for all who have breath,___ the cha - lice of grace,
for ev - ery - one born,___ the right___ to be free,



and God___ will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice___ and



joy,___ com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



God___ will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,___ just - ice and joy!