

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, March 10, 2024

March's Theme is "Transformation"

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

Hold fast to dreams For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird That cannot fly

Hold fast to dreams For when dreams go Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow. - *Dreams, Langston Hughes*

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

Martin Newhouse

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 Jessica Rodela

Milo Ippolito

Chalice Lighting

By Florence Caplow

Diana Jaquinta

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

*Hymn #146	<i>Soon the Day</i>	Gray Hymnal
First Reflection	<i>From Dreams to Reality</i> Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group (WUSYG)	
Blessing	<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>		
Reading	“My Dreams, They Matter” By Phoenix Bell-Shelton Biggs	Rebecca Vernaglia
Kindling of the Light	<i>Dream</i> , John Cage	
<i>For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.</i>		
Silence		
Hymn #8	<i>Mother Spirit, Father Spirit</i>	Gray Hymnal
Reflection	“Dreaming of the Present”	Ryan McDowell
Anthem	<i>Dreams, Fleetwood Mac</i>	
Reflection		Celia Oslakovic
Offering	Martin Newhouse and Richard Dorbin	

This morning, we share our gifts with **Mothers for Justice United**, an organization founded by the mother of Dontre Hamilton. On April 30th 2014, a white police officer murdered Hamilton in a downtown

Milwaukee park. Each year his family holds an event to honor and remember Dontre, heightening awareness of the need for mental health care and the struggle for justice in communities resisting and recovering from state-sanctioned violence.

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 *Dream Keeper, John Kramer*

Message from Pledge Team Brad Steele

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 #346** *Come Sing a Song with Me* Gray Hymnal

Benediction By Becca Reynolds Larkin Gardinier

Postlude *Night Dreamer, Wayne Shorter*

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 chancel flowers celebrate your dreams, the ones you have achieved and the ones you hope to make real.
It's not too late!

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Susan Woodward, Mike Lambert
and Laurie Russell

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* ◦ Martin Newhouse,
Worship Associate ◦ Griffin Correia, *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:

Dreams are an essential part of our lives and create a fertile landscape for music. From the iconic Stevie Nicks song *Dreams*, written in 1977, to the Wayne Shorter classic *Night Dreamer*, first released in 1964, to the 1948 composition *Dream* by John Cage, we get a window into artists perspectives on dreams. The Offertory is inspired by the Langston Hughes poem: “Bring me all of your dreams, You dreamers, Bring me all your Heart melodies That I may wrap them In a blue cloud-cloth Away from the too-rough fingers Of the world.”