

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, March 24, 2024

### March's Theme is "Transformation"

**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

"Beauty is sweet to us, because she dances to the same  
fleeting tune with our lives." - Rabindranath Tagore

### 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

Heather Janules

### Chalice Lighting

By Shari Woodbury

Lit by Ryan and Neil Mukherjee

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**\*Hymn #21**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Gray Hymnal

**Neighboring Faiths Blessing and Presentation**

Brenna Mayer, Heather Janules, Alex Kent and Family

Unison Blessing: "We wish you well on your journey. May your exploration bring you greater insight, understanding, and grace."

**First Reflection**

*Holi-ness*

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 Jennifer Johnson

**Kindling of the Light** *Blue in Green, Miles Davis*

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

**Silence**

**Hymn #178**

*Raghupati*

Gray Hymnal

*Please remain seated*

**Second Reflection**

Swati and Suman Mukherjee

**Anthem**

*Tarekita, Reena Esmail*

WUS Adult Choir

**Third Reflection**

“Awakening: Celebrations of the Season”

Heather Janules, with assistance by Zareen Karani Araoz

**Offering**

Marcy Tompson

This morning, we share our gifts with **Wright Locke Farm**, whose mission is to build “broad community and...model sustainable practices through active learning, organic agriculture, land stewardship, and an appreciation of our historic New England farm.”

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**

*March*, Pytor Tchaikovsky

**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 #61**

*Lo, the Earth Wakes Again*

Gray Hymnal

**Benediction****Postlude**

*Up Jumped Spring*, Freddie Hubbard

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 flowers are given by a friend with appreciation for Stephen Perepeluk, for his cheerful kindness, friendship, and many contributions to our community life.*

### **Serving Today**

Ushers and Greeters: Susan Woodward, Jeanne Johnson,  
Michelle Johnson and Ginger Hanson

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener. Today's PCA is Kim Foley @ 339-227-0216 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:**

The music this morning celebrates spring and the numerous religious festivals and observances that mark this season. The offertory, from Tchaikovsky's *The Seasons*, and the postlude have obvious connections to this theme. ♦ The Kindling music is inspired by the many colors associated with Holi. ♦ The anthem is a festive piece inspired by the sounds of the tabla, the drum in Indian classical music. Ta Ra Ki Ta are syllables that musicians use to facilitate the complex rhythms in this music. There is no meaning per se in their utterance other than the joy in making music.