

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, March 31, 2024

March's Theme is "Transformation"

***Happy Easter!***

**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

"What if the empty tomb was simply God saying that the miracle that happened there is just a foretaste of the miracles that can happen within us? And if that's the case, nothing within us is really dead. Rather, it's just a bunch of stuff waiting its turn to stand up and breathe again."

— Craig D. Lounsbrough

### Community Welcome and Announcements

Ivan Correia

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

### Processional

*Resurrection Dance*, Adrian Vernon Fish

### Invocation

Including words by Howard Thurman

The Rev. Heather Janules

### Invitation to Greeting

**Ringing of the Bell** *We are called back to worship by the ringing of the bell from our Partner Church in Marosvásárhely, Transylvania*

### Sung Invocation

*Jubilate Deo (O Be Joyful)*

Children's Chorale

### Chalice Lighting

Lit by May Darrieulat

### \*Hymn #269

*Lo, the Day of Days is Here*

Gray Hymnal

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Meditation** "The Magdalene's Blessing" by Jan Richardson

**Silence**

**Kindling of the Light** *Prelude*, John Kramer

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

**First Reflection** *Easter Surprise* Brenna Mayer

**\*Hymn #266** *Now the Green Blade Riseth* Gray Hymnal

**Second Reflection** *Imaginal Magic* Heather Janules

**Offering** Ivan Correia

This morning, we share our gifts with the **House Rabbit Network**, whose mission is "to rescue homeless rabbits and find them good, indoor homes and also to educate the public about rabbits and their care." As rabbits are often given as Easter gifts, only to be neglected or released in the wild to an uncertain future, our donations will help mitigate the effects of human carelessness this season.

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** *Hallelujah Chorus*, G.F. Handel  
WUS Adult and Youth Choirs

**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 #270**

*O Day of Light and Gladness*

Gray Hymnal

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Toccata, C.M. Widor*

**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 altar flowers celebrate the spirit of new life...Hallelujah!

**Serving Today**

Ushers and Greeters: Susan Woodward, Phil Coonley  
and Marilyn Mullane

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener.

Today's PCA is Sheila Rudolph-Correia @ 781-570-9169  
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* ♦ Brenna Mayer,  
*Children's Religious Education Coordinator* ♦  
Isaac Kamikawa, *Livestream Coordinator*

**WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members**

Dennis Brett, Vicky Coccoluto, Chuck Khuen, Liz Lintz (Clerk,) Gordy McIntosh  
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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.*