

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, April 7, 2024

**April's Theme is "Interdependence"**

**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

"We never know how our small activities will affect others through the invisible fabric of our connectedness. In this exquisitely connected world, it's never a question of 'critical mass.' It's always about critical connections."

- Grace Lee Boggs

### 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

Martin Newhouse

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

### Invocation

By Joan Javier Duval

Heather Janules and  
Marilyn Wilson, Sheila Rudolph Correia, Patty Cameron and  
Vicky Coccoluto of the Membership Committee

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Chalice Lighting** By Adrian Graham Lit by Alex Kent

**\*Hymn #7** *The Leaf Unfurling* Gray Hymnal

**First Reflection** *Tapestry* 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.

## **Meditation**

“When We Awake, We Will Remember Everything” by Rob Spiegel

**Kindling of the Light** *Andante con moto, George Gershwin*

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

## **Silence**

**Anthem** *The Road Home, Stephen Paulus* WUS Adult Choir

**Second Reflection** “Building Beloved Community” by Heather Janules

**Hymn #360** *Here We Have Gathered, v1* Gray Hymnal  
*Please remain seated*

**Reflection** Laurie Russell

**Hymn #360** *Here We Have Gathered, v2* Gray Hymnal

**Reflection**

Sophia Sid

**Hymn #360***Here We Have Gathered, v3*

Gray Hymnal

**Reflection****Offering**

Martin Newhouse

This morning we share our gifts with **Ferry Beach**, a UU retreat & conference center in Maine. Ferry Beach is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a mission “to awaken hearts to explore, grow and renew the spirit of universal love.” It is the site of many programs beloved by youth and their families.

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***No One is Alone, Stephen Sondheim*

Rob Woodin, 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 #318***We Would be One*

Gray Hymnal

**Benediction****Postlude***Allegro ben ritmato e deciso, George Gershwin*

## 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:*** The altar flowers today are dedicated by Nancy Scott & Martin Newhouse *In memory of the wedding anniversary of our parents, Roy and Bertha Newhouse, married on April 4th, 1943*

### Serving Today

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

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

Today's PCA is Marilyn Wilson @781 572 8834 or at the pew closest to the candle table immediately after the service

John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦ The Rev. Heather Janules, Parish Minister ♦ Martin Newhouse, *Worship Associate* ♦ Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* ♦ 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:**

This morning's anthem is a resetting of an old Southern Harmony Hymn (first published in 1835) by composer Stephen Paulus. The words, by Michael Dennis Browne speak to the road home to community, culminating in the line, "There is no such beauty as where you belong, rise up, follow me, I will lead you home." Let us all lead each other to this, our spiritual home. The offertory, from *Into the Woods*, reminds us that the power of faith and community stay with us wherever we are, and no matter what happens, we are not alone.