

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, April 21, 2024

April's Theme is "Interdependence"

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 a verb with its sleeves rolled up" - David Orr

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

Fritzie Nace

*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

Fritzie Nace

You may also review weekly announcements at

www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Invocation

By Nathan Ryan

Sheila Puffer

Chalice Lighting

By Robin Wall Kimmerer

Cynthia Randall

Lit by Calvin Levering

***Hymn #309**

Earth is Our Homeland

Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection *The Curious Garden* by Peter Brown

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.

Reading *Hope (in a Hotter Time)*, by David Orr Rev. Cindy
Davidson

Kindling of the Light *Windflower*, Sara Cassey

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

We need to build a better future.

And we need to start right now

Reflection: Action on State Policy Change

Amy Hunter

Maguire

Make it greener, make it cleaner,

Make it last, make it fast and do it now, now, now!

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And we need to start right now

Reflection: Action on Federal Policy Change:

John Keller

No point in waiting, or hesitating.

We must get wise, take no more lies and do it now, now,
now!

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And we need to start right now

Offering

Fritzie Nace

This morning, we share our gifts with **Citizens Climate Lobby,**

which seeks to “empower everyday people to work together on climate policy. [CCL] supporters are organized in 420+ chapters across the United States building support in Congress for a national bipartisan solution to climate change.”

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

Linden Lea, Ralph Vaugahn Williams

Rob Woodin, Baritone

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 #1064** *Blue Boat Home* Teal Hymnal

Benediction By Robin Wall Kimmerer Cynthia Randall

Postlude *Spring Dance*, Edvard Grieg

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.

Environmental Education and Action Resources

<https://www.winchesteruu.org/social-action-outreach/green-sanctuary/>

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Scott Randall, Cynthia Randall,
Terrill Levering and Ryan Levering

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* ♦ Fritzie Nace, *Worship Associate* ♦ Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* ♦ The Rev. Cynthia Davidson, *Affiliated Community Minister* ♦ Jay Kwan, *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 Anthem this morning is from my Jazz Earth Day Cantata, which we premiered here a few years ago. The text is by Emily Dickinson: “Nature is what we see – The Hill – The Afternoon – Squirrel – Eclipse – the Bumble bee – Nay – Nature is Heaven – Nature is what we hear – The Bobolink – the Sea – Thunder – the Cricket – Nay – Nature is Harmony – Nature is what we know – Yet have no art to say – So impotent Our Wisdom is To her Simplicity” ♦ Other music reflects on natural themes: *Windflower* by Sara Cassey (1929-1966) (whose music deserves to be better known); *Spring Dance* by the great Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg; and *Linden Lea* by English composer Vaughan Williams. *Linden Lea*, with its text by William Barnes and originally in his native Dorset dialect, reflects on the importance of place over material wealth or other worldly concerns. It is enough to go, “To where, for me, the apple tree Do lean down low in Linden Lea.”

