

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, May 12, 2024

May's Theme is "Pluralism"

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

"Love is an action, a manifestation of emotion, a choice, a moment of faith where we decide, with all of our selves, to be with and for that person no matter what." - Marissa Donnelly

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

Ring 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

Ivan Correia

You may also review weekly announcements at www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Invocation

By Leah Ongiri

Heather Janules

Chalice Lighting

By Shari Woodbury

Lit by Alice Levering

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

- *Hymn #188** *Come, Come Whoever You Are* Gray Hymnal
- First Reflection** *Mother's Day Gifts* Heather Janules
- 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** "Those Who Gave Us Life," (Adapted) by Linda Hart
Heather Janules
- Kindling of the Light** *Nocturne, Clara Schumann*
For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.
- Silence**
- Hymn #8** *Mother Spirit, Father Spirit* Gray Hymnal
Please remain seated
- Reading** "The Lanyard" by Billy Collins
- Anthem** *There's More Love Somewhere, trad., arr. J, Kramer*
WUS Adult Choir
- Second Reflection** "Choosing to Love" Heather Janules

Offering

Ivan Correia

This morning, we share our gifts with today's Mother's Day Walk for Peace, benefitting the **Louis D. Brown Peace Institute**. Founded in 1996 by the parents still grieving a recent loss of their son to violence, the Institute has been "a healing center, a training resource, and an education program for the city of Boston and surrounding communities."

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

Bogorditse Devo, Sergei Rachmaninoff

WUS Adult Choir

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 #91

Mother of All

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

By Lindsay Bates

Postlude

Allegretto, Florence Price

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 flowers are dedicated by Larry Banks, "In memory of Elinor and Herd Judd and Florence and Sam Banks, and in honor of Mothers everywhere."

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Marilyn Wilson, Claire Dingwell,
Allan Eyden and Larry Banks

Long time members of the Winchester (Unitarian) Players

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* ♦ Jason Tran, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

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:

For today's music we hear music by and for Mothers. The anthem is centered on the theme of *Choosing to Love*, knowing that there is "more love out there" and we will "keep on until we find it."

The Kindling Music and Postlude are both written by mothers:

Clara Schumann, the 19th century pianist and composer - also married to Robert Schumann, and Florence Price, the 20th century pianist, organist, and composer. The Offertory is from Rachmaninoff's *Vespers* and is a setting of the Ave Maria (sung in Russian), a prayer to the holy maternity.