Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, June 9, 2024

June's Theme is "Renewal"

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

"Flowers leave some of their fragrance in the hand that bestows them." - Chinese proverb

Processional

My Favorite Squash, Justin Solonynka

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

Peter McEntee

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

Martin Newhouse

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

Invocation

"A Bouquet of People" by Claire Feingold Thoryn (Adapted)
Read by Heather Janules and the Worship Associates:
Peter McEntee, Martin Newhouse, Harris Gibson,
Stephen Perepeluk, Marcy Tompson

***Hymn** Seed of Hope John Kramer As we rise in body and spirit to sing, the children will process in with the gathered bouquets.

There's a seed of hope* in my soul,
A little seed of hope* in my soul,
Gonna tend it ev'ry day so that it grows strong, oh this I pray,
Then that seed of hope* soon will bloom in my soul.

*Joy, Love, Justice

Chalice Lighting "The Communion Prayer" (Adapted) Harris Gibson

By Norbert Fabián Čapek

First Reflection From Seeds to Plants to Seeds

Heather Janules and Sam Wilson

Meditation By William Sinkford

Kindling of the Light Bruyères (Heather), Claude Debussy
For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence

Hymn #396 I Know This Rose Will Open Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Reading History of the Flower Ceremony Stephen Perepeluk

Second Reflection "Choosing Flowers" Heather Janules

^{*}Please rise in body or in spirit

Offering Marcy Tompson

As June is Pride Month, this morning's Share the Plate will benefit **SpeakOut Boston**," a community of speakers working to create a world free of homo-bi-transphobia and other forms of prejudice by telling the truths of our lives."

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 Flowers, Henry Mollicone WUS Adult Choir

Affirmation of Shared Ministry

Ivan Correia

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.

Exchange of the Flowers Heliotrope Bouquet, Scott Joplin When invited to do so, please come forward and select a flower different from the one you brought to worship. If you would like a flower brought to you, please raise your hand.

Release of Covenant Marianne DiBlasi, Intern Minister Alumna; Gordy McIntosh, Standing Committee Co-Chair and Heather Janules Congregational Affirmation: Heather, we are grateful for your professional leadership as a member of the staff team, for you spiritual guidance, for encouraging and supporting lay leaders to share their gifts and skills, for your creativity in worship, for your prophetic ministry of speaking truth as you see it, for your work of racial justice, equity and inclusion for all, and for the pastoral care you have offered to us and to the wider community. Even though you will no longer be with us, your influence of peace, truth, justice, and compassion will remain.

*Hymn Life Calls Us On See Insert

Benediction

Postlude Three Flowers, McCoy Tyner 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.

Flower Dedication: The flowers this morning are dedicated to the Rev. Heather Janules on her many wonderful years of service to this community of faith.

Serving Today

<u>Ushers and Greeters</u>: Margaret Lowry, Marilyn Mullane, Alison Kirchgasser and Phil Coonley

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 ♦
Sam Wilson, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries ♦
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:

Of course we have a lot of music about flowers this morning, including the wonderful anthem by American composer Henry Mollicone setting the following Emily Dickinson text: "Flowers – Well – if anybody Can the ecstasy define – Half a transport – half a trouble – With which flowers humble men; Anybody find the fountain From which floods so contra flow – I will give him all the Daisies Which upon the hillside blow. Too much pathos in their faces For a simple breast like mine – Butterflies from St. Domingo Cruising round the purple line – Have a system of aesthetics Far superior to mine."

Other flower music includes the beautiful homage to the heather (*Bruyères*) from Debussy's 2nd book of *Preludes*; dedicated this morning to Rev. Heather Janules on her last Sunday with us. And music from jazz pianist and composer McCoy Tyner and the ragtime king Scott Joplin. The Processional was written for Rev. Heather Janules's Ordination.