

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, May 25

**May's Theme is "Imagination"**

**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

*"Meaning in life exists wherever happiness exists in nature."*  
- Mark Rolands

### Gathering Music

Barry Singer

### Invitation to Greeting

Ivan Correia

*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)*

**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

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

### Invocation

"This Sacred Space"

Rev. Danielle Di Bona

### Chalice Lighting

Lit by Olson McClurken

### \*Hymn #95

*There is More Love Somewhere*

Gray Hymnal

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## **First Reflection**

*The Great Human Family* 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.

## **Prayer**

“Sacred in the Ordinary” by Tamara Lebak

## **Kindling of the Light**

*Harmony of the Angels*, J.F. Burgmüller

*This is the time in our service where we light a candle for a joy or a sorrow that is sitting on our heart. For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.*

## **Silence**

## **Centering Hymn #410**

*Surprised by Joy*

Gray Hymnal

*Please remain seated*

## **Reading**

“Open to Joy” by Jan Richardson

## **Second Reflection**

“Nourishing Joy”

Rev. Danielle Di Bona

## **Offering**

Our share-the-plate partner organization this month is the **House of Peace**. Since its inception in 1990, the House of Peace has welcomed more than 500 refugees from 30 countries, including Haiti, El Salvador, Vietnam, Cuba, Ethiopia, Eritrea, the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, the Congo, and Syria. Most recently their work has focused on children

from war-ravaged countries seeking surgeries and other medical care in Boston-area hospitals for severe burns, amputations, and other critical war-related injuries and illnesses. At the heart of their work with refugees is companionship with people with disabilities who live at the House of Peace.

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**                      *To A Wild Rose, Edward MacDowell*

### **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 #122**                      *Sound Over All Waters*                      Gray Hymnal

### **Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *Happy Together, Garry Bonner & Alan Gordon*

### **Wreath Dedication**

*Please take your order-of-service with you as we gather at the WWI memorial at Main Street and Mystic Valley Parkway. Those who choose to remain in the Sanctuary are invited to gather near the candle table for an indoor recitation of our words of dedication.*

**Dedication:** Spirit of life, God of Humanity and God of Justice, we pause in humble gratitude for the sacrifices our veterans have made. We mourn the loss of their lives and the legacy of profound grief born by their loved ones and communities.

May we remember that the meaning of their deaths is ours to make. We are charged to carry on their work, each in our own way, to strive for a world that no longer turns to war.

By our hearts and by our hands, may we make this peace real,  
in this day and for all the seasons to come.

We ask this in the name of all that is holy. Amen

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### **Serving Today**

Ushers: Ushers: Dan Spencer, Laurie Russell  
Greeters: Lisa Spencer, Mike Lambert

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

Today's PCA is Vicky Coccoluto 781 729-9313

Your PCA will be sitting at the pew closest to the candle table immediately after the service.

Rev. Danielle Di Bona, *Guest Minister* ♦ Barry Singer, *Guest Pianist* ♦  
Ivan Correia, *Worship Associate* ♦  
Devon McClurken, *Livestream Coordinator*

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

John Keller, Chuck Khuen, Ginger Hanson (Clerk),

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