

Serving Today

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Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, June 29, 2025

Livestream Attendees: To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue, email checkingin@winchesteruu.org or call the WUS Office at 781.729.0949.

Centering Thought

“Poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world.”
Percy Bysshe Shelley, *A Defence of Poetry* (1821)

Prelude Granados, *Valses Poéticas* Andrew Goodridge

Community Welcome, Announcements, and Invitation to Greeting

Jean McClurken

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

Opening Words Rilke, *“Let this Darkness Be a Belltower”*
Martin Newhouse

Chalice Lighting Vaclav Havel, *“It is I Who Must Begin”*

*Hymn #69 Give Thanks Gray Hymnal

First Reflection “Everyone is a Poet” Sam Wilson

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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.

Joys and Sorrows

Jean McClurken and Martin Newhouse

At this time, you are invited to come forward, light a candle and share a joy or sorrow you carry within. Please note that, as this service is being livestreamed, it is available over the internet in the moment and as an archived recording. If you wish to have a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence

Hymn #64 O, Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today Gray Hymnal
(A poem by Robert Frost)

Please remain seated

Reading of Poems By Members and Friends of the Winchester Unitarian Society

Offering

The offering is a spiritual practice, a collective affirmation of our shared values and commitment to the mission of this liberal religious congregation.

Those in the sanctuary are welcome to donate in cash, by check, or electronically. **Text (781) 230-6690** or visit www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline **to give electronically.** Please write or type the date of your offering in the memo line or comment field.

OffertorySchumann, "*The Poet Speaks*"

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 #309** Earth is Our Homeland Gray Hymnal

Benediction John O'Donohue, "*Beannacht*"

Postlude Joplin, "*Pleasant Moments*"

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.