

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, July 20, 2025

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### Centering Thought

*I know a cure for sadness: Let your hands touch something that makes your eyes smile. I bet there are a hundred objects close by that can do that. Look at beauty's gift to us—her power is so great she enlivens the earth, the sky, our soul.*

Mirabai (ca.,1498-1565)

**Prelude** *Prelude No. 17* by J.S. Bach      Chris Weigand, Piano

**Community Welcome, Announcements, and Invitation to Greeting**      Martin Newhouse

*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

**Opening Words** Beauty and a prayer of confession  
Lilia Cuervo & Victoria Safford

**Chalice Lighting**      By Richard F. Boeke

**\*Hymn # 21**      For the Beauty of the Earth      Grey Hymnal  
*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**First Reflection** *Seeing the amazing in the ordinary*      Lilia Cuervo

**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** *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 anyone wishes to have a candle brought to them, please raise your hand.*

**Introduction to the silence**      Lilia Cuervo

### Silence

**Hymn #15**      The Lone Wild Bird      Grey Hymnal

*Please remain seated*

**Reading**      A Revelation of the Sacred      By Laurens van der Post

**Second Reflection** *Beauty. Nourishment and Healer of the Soul*      Rev. Lilia Cuervo

## Offering

Martin Newhouse

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

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## Offertory

*Solace*, by Scott Joplin Steve Forcucci, Guitar

**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 by Peter Meyer Teal Hymnal

## Benediction

Navajo prayer of the Night Way

**Postlude** *Elite Syncopations*, by Scott Joplin Eli Forcucci, Piano

## 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.

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All are welcome to join an in-person conversation about today's service in the Parlor or to participate virtually by logging in to [www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship) at 11:30 a.m.

## Serving Today

Marianne DiBlasi, *Summer Minister* ♦ John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦ Rev. Lilia Cuervo, *Worship Leader* ♦ Martin Newhouse, *Worship Associate* ♦ Jay Kwan, *Livestream Coordinator*

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