

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, March 8th
March's Theme is "Paying Attention"

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

"They seemed to be staring at the dark, but their eyes were watching god." - Zora Neale Hurston

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

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

Liz Lintz

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

Invocation

"Praying" by Mary Oliver

Chalice Lighting

Lit by Olson McClurken

*Hymn #327

Joy, Thou Goddess

Grey Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection

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.

Meditation “All At Once” by Eve Driver

Kindling of the Light *Isfahan*, Duke Ellington

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 #1011

Return Again

Teal Hymnal

Please remain seated

Reading

Selections by Joseph Fasano

Anthem

Sweet Radiant Mystery, Catherine Dalton

WUS Choir

Second Reflection

“These Often, Unprecedented Times”

Rev. Phoebe Eckart-Lee

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 altar flowers today are given by Clare Dingwell in honor of International Women's Day.*

Serving Today

Ushers: Chris Weigand & Fritzie Nace
Greeters: Matt Wilson & Susan Woodward

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

Rev. Phoebe Eckart-Lee, *Guest Minister* ♦ John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦ Liz Lintz, *Worship Associate* ♦ Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries* ♦ Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* ♦ Jason Tran, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

Gordy McIntosh (Chair), Kim Foley (Vice Chair), John Keller, Chuck Khuen, Ryan Levering, Sheila Puffer, Liz Scott, Marcy Tompson, Matt Wilson, Ginger Hanson (Clerk), and Judy Murray (Treasurer)
Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org.

Music Notes:

In 1963 the U.S. State Department sent Duke Ellington and his orchestra to the Middle East in an act of diplomacy. This trip included a visit to Isfahan, Iran, which inspired the Kindling Music we hear today. It is offered now as a symbol of peace between nations and the power of the arts to hold us all together.