

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, April 26th
April's Theme is "Embracing Possibility"

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

Improvisation is learning to give yourself permission to follow your own instincts—to unabashedly be your true self, and trust that you have everything you need, if you will simply ALLOW it to come forward
- Robert Z Grant

Gathering Music

John Kramer

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

Ringling of the Bell

Community Welcome and Announcements

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

Invocation "River Call" by Manish Mishra-Marzetti Rev. Darrick Jackson

Chalice Lighting Lit by Timothy Suchy

***Hymn #188**

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Gray Hymnal

First Reflection

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.

Meditation

Franciscan Blessing

After meditation is over, please invite people: ‘Let us know the kindle the light.’ There is nothing said after the Kindling of the Light music stops, we just move into silence, and then move again directly into the Centering Hymn once the silence is over, again without anything being said.

Kindling of the Light

Blue in Green, Miles Davis

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 #194

Faith is a Forest

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Reading

From God, Improv, and the Art of Living
by MaryAnn McKibben Dana

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

***Hymn #368**

Now Let Us Sing

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Rev. Darrick Jackson

Postlude

Improvisation on Hymn #?

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.

Serving Today

Ushers: Donna Reed & Janet Nelson

Greeters: Mike Lambert & Lindy Brown

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

Today's PCA is Karen Caputo 617-851-5947

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

Rev. Darrick Jackson, *Guest Minister* ♦ John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦
Ivan Correia, *Worship Associate* ♦ Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries* ♦ Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* ♦
Jay Kwan, *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:

Improvisation is an art form that is dear to me, whether in the form of jazz, as we will hear in the Kindling music and the Offertory, by jazz pianist and composer Geri Allen, or the postlude, where I will attempt an improvisation based on a hymn of the congregation's choosing. Regarding the anthem, Harry Belafonte writes about discovering this song in Africa, from a storyteller who told about the fire, the sun, the water, the Earth. The storyteller pointed out the whole of these things put together turns the world around. That all of us are here for a very, very short time. In that time that we're here, there really isn't any difference in any of us, if we take time out to understand each other.