

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, May 24th
May's Theme is "Awakening Curiosity"

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

"Love isn't a feeling, it's a practice." - Rinku Sen

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

Ringling of the Bell

Community Welcome and Announcements

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

Invocation

Adapted from Deuteronomy 6:10a-11 (NIV)

Rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson

Chalice Lighting

Lit by Jeremiah

*Hymn #6

Just as Long as I have Breath

Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection*Another Peace Lasagna*

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**Kindling of the Light***There is a Balm in Gilead, arr. K. Kaiser*

*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 #1002***Comfort Me*

Teal Hymnal

*Please remain seated***Readings**

“Things You Didn’t Do” by unknown author

“Burlington, Vermont” by Naomi Shihab Nye

Second Reflection*“With Love at the Center”*

Rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson

Offering

Our share-the-plate offering this Sunday is going to 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, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, 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 prostheses due to lost arms and legs and for treatment of extremely severe burns. They come for medical treatment in Boston and are hosted in a healing community in Ipswich These treatments are life altering for the children and their families.

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



Offertory *Prelude in E minor, Frédéric Chopin*

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 #34**

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude

O Waly Waly, arr. J. Yowell

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

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Erin Graham, Sally Degan,
Michelle Crawford, Victoria & Emily Ippolito

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

Today's PCA is Lee Barton 603-845-8767

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

Rev. Anita Farber-Robertson, *Guest Minister* ♦ Barry Singer,
Guest Musician ♦ Ivan Correia, *Worship Associate* ♦
Jason Tran, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

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Ryan Levering, Sheila Puffer, Liz Scott, Marcy Tompson,

Matt Wilson, Ginger Hanson (Clerk), and Judy Murray (Treasurer)

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