

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, June 21, 2026

Livestream Attendees: To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue,
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- 781.729.0949

Centering Thought

"Poetry is not an expression of the party line. It's that time of night, lying in bed, thinking what you really think, making the private world public, that's what the poet does." - Allen Ginsberg

Prelude

Chanty (From Poems of the Sea), Ernest Bloch

Community Welcome Announcements, and Invitation to Greeting

Liz Lintz

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

Opening Words

What Kind of Times Are These, by Adrienne Rich
Martin Newhouse

Chalice Lighting

Adapted from Spirits Rebellious, by Kahlil Gibran
Liz Lintz

*Opening Hymn #309

Earth is Our Homeland

Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection

The Ippolito Family

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.*

Silence

Centering Hymn #329

Life Has Loveliness to Sell (Sara Teasdale)

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Readings of Poems

Offering

Liz Lintz

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 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

O Tod, Wie Bitter Bist Du
(Ecclesiastes 41), Johannes Brahms

Peter McEntee

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.

*Closing Hymn #12

O Life That Maketh All Things New

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Martin Newhouse

Postlude

At Sea (From Poems of the Sea), Ernest Bloch

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

Marianne DiBlasi, *Summer Minister* ♦

Martin Newhouse, *Worship Leader* ♦

John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦ Liz Lintz, *Worship Associate* ♦

Devon McClurken, *Livestream Coordinator*

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