

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, June 28, 2026

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

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.” - Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Prelude *Chopin, Waltz Op.70, No.2, Eli Forcucci, Piano*

Community Welcome Announcements, and 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

Opening Words

John Grebe and
Elias, WUS youth group member

“Peace is freedom, justice and self-determination without any kind of concession. That is, not to be treated like animals that are granted shelter, food, or little financial support, but as a nation, with full human and political rights.” – Issa Amro, nonviolence organizer, Palestinian - from interview with Cambridge Journal of Law, Politics and Art, Oct. 24, 2023

In conflict the only way forward is through empathy and understanding.
We must recognize the pain and humanity of
the other side.

Real security comes through peace, not military occupation.
A sustainable solution requires dialogue and mutual recognition.

Discussion will be held afterward in the Parlor to continue conversation, and
to ask questions.

Chalice Lighting

***Opening Hymn #168**

One More Step

Gray Hymnal

First Reflection for Children

Desmond Gets Free, by Matt Meyer and Khim Fam

Children's book reading by John Grebe with slides.

Using slides for projection provided by Sam Wilson, Dir. Of Youth & Children's
Ministries

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.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

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 #158
Please remain seated

This is My Song

Gray Hymnal

Reading

“Being Jewish after the Destruction of Gaza”

by Peter Beinart

Ivan Correia

Second Reflection

"Stories of Palestine"

by Elias, WUS youth group member & John Grebe

Offering

Ivan Correia

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

The Battle of New Orleans (Forcucci),

Steve Forcucci, guitar

Ivan Correia

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 #161** *Peace, the Perfect Word is Sounding* Gray Hymnal

Benediction John Grebe and Elias, WUS youth group member

Postlude Chopin, Waltz Op.70, No.3, 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.

Serving Today

Marianne DiBlasi, *Summer Minister* ♦

John Grebe and Elias, WUS youth group member *Worship Leaders* ♦

John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦ Ivan Correia, *Worship Associate* ♦

Jason Tran, *Livestream Coordinator*

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