

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, July 19, 2026

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

Centering Thought

*I am certain of nothing but of the holiness of the Heart's affections and the
truth of Imagination. - John Keats*

Prelude	Summer's Eve, Edvard Grieg	John Kramer
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Community Welcome Announcements, and Invitation to Greeting		Jean McClurken
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*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	"Many People Fear AI. They Shouldn't." By David Brooks	Jean McClurken
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Chalice Lighting	"Writer Waiting" by Shel Silverstein	Jean McClurken
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*Opening Hymn #298	Wake Now My Senses	Gray Hymnal
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**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection "The AI Doc" - This is a documentary on Peacock

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 #307

The Human Touch Can Light the Flame

Please remain seated

Gray Hymnal

Readings

"The Reverse Centaur's Guide to Life After AI",
by Cory Doctorow

Dan Spencer

Anthem

Die Gedanken Sind Frei (Thoughts are Free)

Summer Choir

Second Reflection

"Staying Human in the Age of AI"

Dan Spencer

Offering

Jean McClurken

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 A.I. Theme (Where Dreams are Born), John Williams

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 #21** *For the Beauty of the Earth* Gray Hymnal

Benediction Dan Spencer

Postlude Jordu, Duke Jordan

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* ♦

Dan Spencer, *Worship Leader* ♦ John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦

Jean McClurken, *Worship Associate* ♦

Jason Tran, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

Kim Foley, *Chair* (2028), John Keller (2027), Gordon McIntosh (2027),
Marcy Tompson (2027), Liz Scott (2028), Matt Wilson (2028),
Ryan Levering (2029), Becky McVey (2029), Lee Barton (2029),
Ginger Hanson (Clerk), Judy Murray & Chris Weigand (Co-Treasurers).

Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org

Music Notes

I believe that making live music is a great way to stay human in the age of A.I. Selections today celebrate nature in the form of the summer's evening, some music from the 2001 movie *Artificial Intelligence*, and the delightful jazz tune *Jordu*, by pianist Duke Jordan. The anthem is a German folk song celebrating freedom of thought; it is actually in our hymnal as hymn #291 and the text is mostly in English.