

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, Sep 8, 2024

September's Theme is "Invitation"

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

"Nothing is softer or more flexible than water,
yet nothing can resist it." – Lao Tzu

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

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

Ringing of the Bell *We are called back to worship by the ringing of the bell from our Partner Church in Marosvásárhely, Transylvania*

Community Welcome and Announcements

Marcy Tompson

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

Invocation *In Meeting We Are Blessed*, Troy Robertson WUS Adult Choir

Chalice Lighting "We Gather As Many Drops" by Leslie Takahashi

***Hymn #118** *This Little Light of Mine* Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection

A Changing River

Brenna Mayer

Meditation

“The Strength of Water”

by Jamila Batcheler & Molly Housh Gordon

Kindling of the Light

Chanty (from Poems of the Sea), Ernst Bloch

For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence

Hymn #100

I've Got Peace Like a River

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Second Reflection

Coming Together

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Offering

Marcy Tompson

This morning, we share our gifts with the **Mystic River Watershed Association**, whose mission is “to protect and restore the Mystic River, its tributaries and watershed lands for the benefit of present and future generations and to celebrate the value, importance and great beauty of these natural resources.”

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text GIVE to (781) 230-6690** or visit www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline Please write or type the date of your offering in the memo line or comment field. Note that contributing soon in lieu of one lump sum for a period of time is easier to process and empowers us to send our collective gift as soon as possible.

Offertory

Wade in the Water, Moses Hogan

WUS Adult Choir

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.

The Gathering of the Waters

Water From an Ancient Well

Abdullah Ibrahim

When invited to do so, please come forward to pour your water into one of the common bowls. If you do not have water with you, it will be provided. Please raise your hand if you would like someone to come to your seat to collect your water.

***Hymn #1064**

Blue Boat Home

Teal Hymnal

Benediction

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Postlude

Água de Beber (Water to Drink), Antônio Carlos Jobim

Tyson Kamikawa, Sax; Steve Forcucci, Guitar

Extinguishing the Chalice

Marcy Tompson

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.

Flower Dedication:

Our flowers today are dedicated to the regathering and reconnecting of our community.

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Fritzie Nace, Marilyn Wilson,
Alison Kirchgasser and Sally DeGan

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener.
Today's PCA is Vicky Cocculuto, 781-729-9313
or at the pew closest to the candle table
immediately after the service

John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦ Marcy Tompson, *Worship Associate*
♦ Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* ♦
Jay Kwan, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

John Keller, Chuck Khuen, Ginger Hanson (Clerk),
Gordy McIntosh (Chair), Claire McNeill, Fritzie Nace,
Martin Newhouse (Vice Chair), Stephen Perepeluk,
Sheila Puffer, Brad Steele (Treasurer),
Joan Baldwin (Assistant Treasurer), and Marcy Tompson.
Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org

As part of our commitment to racial justice, each worship service includes wisdom or an artistic gift from people- or communities-of-color.