

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, September 15
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

"Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time; what we really want is for things to remain the same but get better."
- Sydney J. Harri

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

Peter McEntee

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

Invocation

"Thresholds" By Arlen Goff

Seth Carrier-Ladd

Chalice Lighting

"A True Story" By Li Kynvi

Lit by Abby and Cora McVey

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

***Hymn #298** *Wake, Now My Senses* Gray Hymnal

First Reflection *Transformers!* 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 “The Heart of Both-And” by Lyn Cox

Kindling of the Light *Meditation No. 4*, John Kramer
For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence

Hymn #1002 *Comfort Me* Teal Hymnal
Please remain seated

Reading Excerpt from *When All You’ve Ever Wanted Isn’t Enough* by Rabbi Harold Kushner

Anthem *Lord, I Know I’ve Been Changed*, arr. More/Regin
WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection “Invitation to Change” Seth Carrier-Ladd

Offering

Peter McEntee

This morning, we share our gifts with the **Council of Social Concern** which is headquartered in Woburn.

The Council is a charitable, community-based agency responding to the basic needs of people of all ages, providing early childhood education and care, helping individuals develop their potential, creating positive family and community relationships, and fostering respect for diversity. Their services include Childcare Options, Food Assistance, and Family Skill Building Parenting Education Classes. The WUS food drives support the Council's food pantry."

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

September, Fanny Hensel

Affirmation of Shared Ministry

Peter McEntee

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

Life Calls Us On

see insert

Benediction

Seth Carrier-Ladd

Postlude

Change, Mark Maxwell aka Dr. SaxLove

Extinguishing the Chalice

Peter McEntee

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 are dedicated today to the memory of all those who lost their lives during the tragic events of September 11 twenty-three years ago.

Serving Today

Ushers and Greeters: Ushers: Brad Steele & Margaret Lowry;
Greeters: Vicky Coccoluto & Sheila Rudolph-Correia

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

Today's PCA is Terry Currier, 781-690-6112
or at the pew closest to the candle table
immediately after the service

John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦ Peter McEntee, *Worship Associate* ♦
Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* ♦
Jason Tran, *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.

Music Notes:

Our anthem this morning is the dynamic gospel song *Lord, I Know I've Been Changed*, arranged for choir by Bruce More and Jim Regin.

Also celebrating change is the postlude by saxophonist Mark Maxwell. And we observe the change in the season, as September marks the beginning of fall, with the ode to *September* by 19th century German composer Fanny Hensel (sister of Felix Mendelssohn) from her collection *Das Jahr (The Year)*.