

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, September 22
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

"Some people think they are in community, but they are only in proximity. True community requires commitment and openness. It is a willingness to extend yourself to encounter and know the other." – David Spangler

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

Ivan Correia

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

Invocation *It Is Good To Be Together* by Alison Wohler

Seth Carrier-Ladd

Chalice Lighting *Honoring Our Common Connection and Our Uniqueness* by Adam Slate

Ivan Correia

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

*Hymn #346	<i>Come, Sing a Song with Me</i>	Gray Hymnal
First Reflection	<i>Equal Is Not the Same</i>	Brenna Mayer
Teacher Blessing		Brenna Mayer & Sam Wilson
Blessing	<i>The Light Within</i>	John Kramer
<i>As children and teachers leave for Religious Education, the community is invited to sing them on their way!</i>		
<p>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.</p>		
Prayer	<i>The Symphony of Life</i> by Douglas Taylor	Seth Carrier-Ladd
Kindling of the Light	<i>Intermezzo in Eb major</i> , Johannes Brahms	
<i>For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.</i>		
Silence		
Hymn #123	<i>Spirit of Life</i>	Gray Hymnal
<i>Please remain seated</i>		
Second Reflection	<i>We Are RE</i>	Sam Wilson
Anthem	<i>Amazing Gratitude</i> , Hal Walker	WUS Adult Choir
Third Reflection	Invitation to Community	Seth Carrier-Ladd
Offering		Ivan Correia

This morning, we share our gifts with Network for Social Justice.

The Network for Social Justice is a non-profit organization that focuses on advancing equity and inclusion in the town of Winchester. Their work is focused on social justice activism through a three-pronged strategy of education, engagement, and advocacy carried out through five action arms: immigrant justice, indigenous people's rights, community education, response and advocacy, schools and youth.

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 *Invitation, Kaper/Washington*

Affirmation of Shared Ministry Ivan Correia
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 #1021** *Lean on Me* Teal Hymnal

Benediction Seth Carrier-Ladd

Postlude *Sing the Joy of Spirit, John Kramer*

Extinguishing the Chalice Ivan Correia
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

Ushers and Greeters: Ushers: Martin Newhouse, Nancy Scott;
Greeters: Dave Fonseca, Alison Kirchgasser

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

Today's PCA is Kim Foley 339-227-0216
or at the pew closest to the candle table
immediately after the service

John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦ Ivan Correia, *Worship Associate* ♦
Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth & Children's Ministries* ♦
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.