

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, October 13

**October's Theme is "Deep Listening"**

**Livestream Attendees:** To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue, email [checkingin@winchesteruu.org](mailto:checkingin@winchesteruu.org) or call the WUS Office  
- 781.729.0949

### Centering Thought

"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you." - Lewis B. Smedes

### Gathering Music

Barry Singer

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings)*

### Invocation

"Holy Place" by Rebecca Edmiston-Lange

### Chalice Lighting

"The Place Where Truth and Love Meet"  
by Vanessa Rush Southern

Lit by Mirabelle Carrier-Ladd

**\*Hymn #12**                      *O Life That Maketh All Things New*                      Gray Hymnal

**First Reflection**

**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**                      “At One” by Victoria Safford

**Kindling of the Light**                      *Prélude*, Reinhold Glière  
*For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.*

**Silence**

**Hymn #1007**                      *There’s a River Flowin’ in My Soul*                      Teal Hymnal  
*Please remain seated*

**Reading #602**                      “If There Is To Be Peace,” by Lao-Tse                      Grey Hymnal

**Musical Interlude**                      *How Could I Ever Know?*, Simon/Norman  
From “The Secret Garden”                      Cailin Smith, soloist

**Second Reflection**                      “Finding Forgiveness”                      Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## Offering

This morning, we share our gifts with the **UUA Disaster Relief Fund**.

The **UUA Disaster Relief Fund** is part of a covenant between the UUA and congregations, between congregations who give generously and those in need, and with our community partners. Through aiding our congregations, their members and their community partners, we are able to embody our faith and values. Currently the UUA Disaster Relief Fund is offering grants to those impacted by Hurricane Helene. With Hurricane Milton headed towards Florida, we are giving to the Disaster Relief Fund for a second week in a row.

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text GIVE to (781) 230-6690** or visit [www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline](http://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**                      *God Bless the Child*, Holliday/Herzog

## 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.

## Affiliated Community Minister Decommissioning

See insert

*Saying goodbye to our Community Minister, Rev. Cynthia Davidson*

**\*Hymn #145**

*As Tranquil Streams*

Gray Hymnal

## **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*Something Good*, Richard Rodgers

### **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.

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***Flower Dedication:*** *Flowers are given today by Rev. Cindy in honor and appreciation of the congregation's commitment to environmental responsibility.*

### **Serving Today**

Ushers and Greeters: Ushers: Dan Spencer, Jeanne McClurken;  
Greeters: Sophia Sid, Devon McClurken

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

Today's PCA is Vicky Coccoluto 781-729-9313

Your PCA will be sitting at the pew closest to the candle table immediately after the service.

Barry Singer, *Guest Pianist* ♦ Peter McEntee, *Worship Associate* ♦  
Cailin Smith, *Soloist* ♦ 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), Sheila Puffer, Brad Steele (Treasurer),  
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