

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, November 24
November's Theme is "Repair"

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

"It is through gratitude for the present moment that the spiritual dimension of life opens up." - Eckhart Tolle

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

Sung Invocation

Tuimbe (Let There Be Music), David Waggoner

WUS Children's Chorale

Chalice Lighting

"Abundance of Our Lives"

by Katie Sivani Gelfand

Lit by Alice Levering

***Hymn** *O We Give Thanks*

Oh, we give thanks for this precious day,
For all gathered here, and those far away;
For this time we share with love and care,
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.

First Reflection *Keepunumuk* Brenna Mayer

Meditation “Prayer of Thanksgiving” adapted from Tamara Lebak

Kindling of the Light *Thanksgiving, George Winston*
For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence

Centering Hymn #16 *Simple Gifts* Gray Hymnal
Please remain seated

Second Reflection “The Gifts of Gratitude” Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Anthem *Common Ground, Paul Winter* WUS Youth Choir

Naming Gratitude

Offering

Our share-the-plate offering this month is going to **A Better Chance of Winchester (ABC)**, one of 21 community school programs of A Better Chance, a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase the number of well-educated young people of color who are capable of assuming positions of responsibility and leadership in American society. The Winchester ABC program allows scholars to attend Winchester High School while living in a dedicated and supervised ABC home in Winchester Center.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

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

Ambe, Andrew Balfour

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.

A Time of Sharing

***Hymn**

Life Calls Us On

(see insert)

Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God, John Kramer

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

Ushers: Dan Spencer, Lisa Spencer

Greeters: The Spencer Family

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

Today's PCA is Sheila Rudolph-Correia 781-570-9169

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

John Kramer, *Music Director* ♦ Ivan Correia, *Worship Associate* ♦

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), Sheila Puffer, Brad Steele (Treasurer),

Joan Baldwin (Assistant Treasurer), and Marcy Tompson.

Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org.

Music Notes:

We are grateful for many things, including our community and music. The Children's Chorale celebrates our love of music with a song in Swahili and English. "Tuimbe tu cheze sote" meaning: "let us sing together." The Youth Choir also celebrates community with Paul Winter's *Common Ground. Ambe* is by Andrew Balfour, a Cree composer and conductor from Winnipeg, Manitoba. "Ambe Anishinaabeg, Biindigeg Anishinaabeg, Mino-bimaadiziwin omaa Ambe" translates as, "Come in, two-legged beings. Come in all people. There is good life here. Come in!"