

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, December 8
December's Theme is "Presence"

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

Hearts and minds in time can be renewed. There is hope in view.
– Eric Reed

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

Sung Invocation

Hope in View, Eric Reed

WUS Youth and Adult Choir

Chalice Lighting

"Our Beacon of Hope" by Joe Cherry

Lit by Theo Kent

***Hymn** *Seed of Hope*, John Kramer

There's a seed of *hope in my soul,
A little seed of *hope in my soul.
Gonna tend it every day so that it grows strong, oh this I pray.
Then that seed of *hope, soon will bloom in my soul.
*Verses 2-4: substitute * love, peace, justice for hope*

First Reflection “The Dervish in the Ditch” & “Jesus’ Purse,”
Sufi wisdom stories

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.

Kindling of the Light *Andante*, Florence Price
For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence

Centering Hymn #1006 *In My Quiet Sorrow* Teal Hymnal
Please remain seated

Second Reflection “Finding Hope” Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Anthem *Song of Hope*, Florence Price WUS Adult Choir

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Offering

Our share-the-plate offering this month is going to **Bridge Over Troubled Waters**. Bridge Over Troubled Waters provides effective and innovative services to runaway, homeless and high-risk youth, helps youth avoid a lifetime of dependency on social services, guides youth towards self-sufficiency, and enables youth to transform their lives and build fulfilling, meaningful futures.

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

Deep River

Kirsten Hart, Soloist

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.

*Hymn #346

Come, Sing a Song with Me

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude

Hope, Ysaye Barnwell

WUS Adult Choir

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

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.

Music Sunday is made possible by the generosity of the Sue Swap Memorial Music Fund, and is dedicated to the memory of Dirck Stryker, faithful member of the WUS Adult Choir, who died on November 27th.

Serving Today

Ushers: Phil Coonley, Marilyn Mullane
Greeters: Patty Cameron, Beth Knipstein

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

Today's PCA is Karen Caputo 617-851-5947

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

John Kramer, *Music Director* ♦ Marcy Tompson, *Worship Associate* ♦
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),

Joan Baldwin (Assistant Treasurer), and Marcy Tompson.

Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org.