

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, January 5
January's Theme is "Story"

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's a terrible thing, I think, in life, to wait until you're ready."
– Hugh Laurie

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

Invocation

"We Meet On Holy Ground" by Richard Gilbert

Chalice Lighting

"The Light Within Us" by Brian Lee

Lit by Alex Kent

*Hymn #360

Here We Have Gathered

Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection

"Picture This"

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

adapted from "The Milestone of Your Life"

by Rita Capezzi

Kindling of the Light*A New Hymn*, Carla Bley

For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence**Centering Hymn #1031***May I Be Filled with Loving Kindness*

Teal Hymnal

*Please remain seated***Reading**

"The Summer Day" by Mary Oliver

Anthem*You Are the New Day*, John David

WUS Adult Choir

Reflection

Giorgio Cantoni

Sung Response (From *The Circle Game*, Joni Mitchell)

And the seasons they go round and round

And the painted ponies go up and down

We're captive on the carousel of time

We can't return we can only look behind from where we came

And go round and round and round In the circle game.

Reflection

Victoria Ippolito

Sung Response

Reflection

Woody Wood

Sung Response

Offering

On the evening of Jan 26th, we are welcoming youth and families from the Haitian community in Woburn to a Game Night. Brenna Mayer, the Children's RE coordinator, is organizing this with Social Capital Inc. of Woburn. "Fellowship" will coordinate food for the event. Your Share the Plate offering will enable us to provide a tasty supper for the visiting adults and youth to share with youth & adults from WUS. Speak to Brenna or Donna if you are willing to help cook or would like to attend.

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

New Beginnings, John Kramer

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 #6**

Just as Long as I Have Breath

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude

The New Rag, Scott Joplin

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

Usher: Sally DeGan

Greeters: Kim Foley & 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 Donna Reed 781-626-1785

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

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, *Interim Minister* ♦

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,

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