

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, January 12

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

"You can tell whether a person is clever by their answers. You can tell whether a person is wise by their questions."
- Naguib Mahfouz

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

Peter McEntee

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

Invocation

"Here We Are So Gathered" by Patricia Shelden

Chalice Lighting

"We Will Be Renewed" by Pat Uribe-Lichty

Lit by Cora McVey

*Hymn #301

Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!

Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection

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.

Prayer “The Imprint of Love” by Laura Horton-Ludwig

Kindling of the Light *Winter Pastorale*, Frank Bridge

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

Silence

Centering Hymn #1012 *When I Am Frightened*

Teal Hymnal

Please remain seated

Readings

“Love the Questions” by Rainer Maria Rilke

excerpt from Self-Reliance by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Anthem *Ain't a That Good News*, arr. William Dawson

WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection “Loving the Questions” Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Offering

Our share the plate offering this Sunday goes to **Volunteer Ventures MA Inc.**, whose mission is to harness the energy and spirit of volunteers to create a more just, compassionate and equitable society through volunteerism and service. By developing and leading hands-on service projects, they aim to assist our community partners in helping uplift people in direct and meaningful ways in their times of need.

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

Frülingstraum (Dream of Spring)
from Winterreise, Franz Schubert

Brendan Buckley

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 #354

We Laugh, We Cry (vs. 1 & 4)

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude

Question and Answer, Pat Metheny

Tyson Kamikawa, sax

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: Chris Weigand & Susan Woodward

Greeters: Laurie Russell & Mike Lambert

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.

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

Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* ♦

John Kramer, *Music Director* ♦ Peter McEntee, *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.

Music Notes

We have a few pieces celebrating winter this Sunday as it has brought us seasonable cold this past week. English composer Frank Bridge gives us the lovely *Winter Pastorale* written in 1925, and we also enjoy a selection from Austrian composer Franz Schubert's glorious song cycle *Winterreise* (Winter Journey). Closer to today's theme, we celebrate Questions (and Answers) with the Pat Metheny title track from his 1990 album.