

Welcome to Worship!
Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, February 2
February's Theme is "Inclusion"

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

"A deep sense of love and belonging is an irreducible need of all people. We are biologically, cognitively, physically, and spiritually wired to love, to be loved, and to belong. When those needs are not met, we don't function as we were meant to. We break. We fall apart. We numb. We ache. We hurt others. We get sick."
- Brene Brown

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***

Ring 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

"We Depend on One Another"
by Barbara Hamilton-Holway

Chalice Lighting

Words by Albert Schweitzer Lit by Alice Levering

***Hymn #131**

Love Will Guide Us

Gray Hymnal

First Reflection

“Heaven and Hell,” Eastern wisdom story

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

“Three Things” by Jan Taddeo

Kindling of the Light

Giving Receiving, Lars Jansson

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

Silence

Centering Hymn #391

Voice Still and Small

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Second Reflection

“Meeting the Need for Food”

Terry Carrier

Anthem

Stranger, Share Our Fire, Daniel Moe

WUS Adult Choir

Third Reflection

“Meeting Needs”

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Offering

Our share-the-plate offering this morning goes to **GreenRoots**, an organization which engages and empowers residents in the frontline communities of Chelsea and East Boston on a broad range of issues, from food justice to climate resiliency, waterfront access, and much more. To prepare for climate change it implements strategies to reduce the impacts of urban heat islands, enacts nature-based solutions to reduce flooding, and effectively engages with stakeholders. One far reaching result is recent Massachusetts legislation that will greatly speed permitting of green infrastructure by requiring local community involvement at the outset of planning. Thus, GreenRoots' work also positively impacts the Greater Boston area and beyond.

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

Forever, Florence Price

Kirsten Hart, solo

Affirmation of Shared Ministry

Jean McClurken

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 #1021

Lean on Me

Teal Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude

Exultation No. 6, 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

Our ushers and greeters this morning are members of the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee.

Ushers: Marilyn Mullane & Naomi DeLairre
Greeters: Sheila Rudolph-Correia & Gordon McIntosh

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

Today's PCA is Marilyn Wilson 781-572-8834

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* ♦
Peter McEntee & Jean McClurken, *Worship Associates* ♦
Devon McClurken, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

John Keller, Chuck Khuen, Ginger Hanson (Clerk),
Gordy McIntosh (Chair), Claire McNeill, Fritzie Nace,
Ryan Levering, 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

The anthem is a setting of the poem by American poet James Hearst:

Stranger, share our fire, Here's bread, a sop of stew,
It's all we have ourselves, It's what we offer you.

The sky swells out with stars We stare to see the view,
It's all we have ourselves, It's what we offer you.

The ground beneath our backs Holds us and warms us too,
It's all we have ourselves, It's what we offer you.

The road tomorrow sends May be the worst we knew,
It's all we have ourselves, It's what we offer you.

Tonight the fire is yours, And yours the morning dew,
It's all we have ourselves, It's what we offer you.