

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, February 23rd  
February's Theme is "Inclusion"

**Livestream Attendees:** To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue,  
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- 781.729.0949

### Centering Thought

"Power to the sleepers, faithfully napping Healing and restoring:  
Rest is wealth that we must reclaim and redistribute."  
- Atena O. Danner

### Gathering Music

John Kramer

### Invitation to Greeting

Sam Wilson

*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](mailto: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

Diana Jaquinta

*You may also review weekly announcements at*  
[www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings)

### Invocation

"Rest is Sacred" by Octavia F. Rahim

Maya Basgen

### \*Hymn #49

*Stillness Reigns*

Gray Hymnal

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Chalice Lighting**      “Blanket Fort Prayer” by HP Rivers      Caroline Bronski  
Lit by Diana Jaquinta

**First Reflection & Reverse Offering**      Power to the Nappers &  
the Blanket Fort Builders

**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.

**Incantation**      “Generational Wealth” by Atena O. Danner  
Milo Ippolito

**Kindling of the Light**      *Berceuse (Cradle Song)*, Frédéric Chopin  
*For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.*

**Silence**

**Centering Hymn #1008**      *Meditation on Breathing*      Teal Hymnal  
*Please remain seated*

**Anthem**      *Sleep*, Eric Whitaker      WUS Adult Choir

**Second Reflection**      “Radical Rest”      Alison Luck, Assistant  
Director of Youth Ministries

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](http://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

*We Rise*, Batya Levine

Youth Choir & WUSYG

### 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 #298

*Wake Now My Senses*

Gray Hymnal

### Benediction

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## Postlude

*We Rise (reprise)*

## 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.

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## Serving Today

Usher: Michelle Crawford

Greeters: Karen Caputo & Patty Cameron

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.

Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth & Children's Ministries*

John Kramer, *Music Director*

Alison Luck, *Assistant Director of Youth Ministries*

Jay Kwan, *Livestream Coordinator*

## **WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members**

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