

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, February 9

February's Theme is "Inclusion"

Centering Thought

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

- Desmond Tutu

Prelude

Community Welcome and Announcements Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

You may also review weekly announcements at

www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Invocation "Room of Hope" by Libbie Stoddard

Chalice Lighting "There Is Light" by George Kimmich Beach

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

Story for All Ages

Meditation "Refugees" by Brian Bilston

Kindling of the Light *January*, Pytor Tchaikovsky

Silence

Centering Hymn #55 *Dark of Winter*

Reflections Part I - Hopelessness Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Musical Interlude *Meditation No. 21*, John Kramer

Reflections Part II - Possibility

Musical Interlude *Meditation No. 4*, John Kramer

Reflections Part III – Hope

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.

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Offertory *Rivers of Grace*, Carla Gates WUS Adult Choir, Kirsten Hart, Solo

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 our walls.

We create and reaffirm this covenant this day - to make justice flourish, to practice compassion amidst difference, and to embody transformative love.

***Hymn** *How Can I Keep from Singing?*

Benediction

Postlude *Snowy Morning Blues*, James P. Johnson

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

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

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, *Interim Minister* ♦ John Kramer, *Music Director*

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