

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, March 30

March's Theme is "Trust"

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

"Stories have to be told or they die, and when they die, we can't remember who we are or why we're here."

- Sue Monk Kidd

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

Harris Gibson

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

Invocation "Give Up the Fight" by Gretchne Haley

Chalice Lighting

***Hymn #1051**

We Are...

Teal Hymnal

First Reflection

“Mira and the Big Story” by Laura Alary

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

“Prayer of Storytelling” by Mandie McGlynn

Kindling of the Light

Andante Cantabile, Fanny Hensel

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

Silence

Centering Hymn

There is a Love

Beth Norton/Rebecca Parker

There is a Love holding me/us.

There is a Love holding all that I/we love.

There is a Love holding all.

I/We rest in that Love.

Please remain seated

Litany

“Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Tells Your Story?”

Anthem

Old Buddhist Prayer, Lili Boulanger

WUS Adult Choir

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Second Reflection “Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Tells Your Story?”

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Offering

Our share-the-plate organization this morning is **Mission of Deeds**, a volunteer-supported nonprofit that gives new beds and gently used donated furniture, kitchen items, and basic household goods, free of charge, to people leaving homelessness and others in great need. Imagine you have no bed, no linens, nothing with which to cook, no kitchen table, no furniture. Now imagine you have all those things. Your life is changed! That is what happens every day at Mission of Deeds.

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

Moonrise, Laura Nevitt

Cailin Smith, soprano

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 #212**

We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle

Gray Hymnal

Please substitute, “we are siblings, all.” for “sisters, brothers, all.”

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Benediction

Postlude

The Bells, Margaret Bonds

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

Greeters: Susan Woodward & Mike Lambert
Ushers: Sheila Rudolph-Correia & Laurie Rusell

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

Today's PCA is Terry Currier 781-690-6112

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* ♦ Harris Gibson, *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, Ryan Levering,
Martin Newhouse (Vice Chair), Sheila Puffer,
Brad Steele (Treasurer), and Marcy Tompson.

Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org.

Music Notes:

One sad story in the history of Western music has been the exclusion of women as composers. Many brave women throughout history wrote music in the face of considerable obstacles. Fanny Hensel (1805-1847) was equally as talented as her famous brother Felix Mendelssohn yet Felix was encouraged in his career while Fanny was expected to stop composing when she came of age. Thankfully for us, she didn't comply! Matters were a little better for the musical prodigy Lili Boulanger (1893-1918) who was supported by her family and became the first woman to win the prestigious *Prix de Rome*. But composers like Margaret Bonds (1913-1972) struggled against the twin sins of sexism and racism her entire life. Let us all work for a more supportive world for the newer generation of composers like Laura Nevitt (b. 1985).