

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, April 13

April's Theme is "Joy"

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

"Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.."

- Helen Keller

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

Marcy Tompson

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

Invocation

"Live Now" by Elizabeth Tarbox

Chalice Lighting

lit by Calvin Levering

*Hymn #7

The Leaf Unfurling

Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection Last Stop on Market Street

words by Matt de la Peña, pictures by Christian Robinson

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 “We Are Whole” by Beth Lefever

Kindling of the Light *Andante con moto*, George Gerwshin

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

Silence

Centering Hymn #53 *I Walk the Unfrequented Road* Gray Hymnal
Please remain seated

Readings excerpt from 30 Lessons for Living by Karl Pillemer
PumpCast News

Anthem *Up Above My Head* Sister Rosetta Tharpe WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection “Opening to Joy” Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Offering

Our share-the-plate organization this month is **The Network for Social Justice**, an organization which works to build a welcoming and inclusive community. It does this through events and learning opportunities that raise personal awareness and deepen collective understanding of historical injustices and privilege while supporting broad-based grassroots advocacy for systemic change.

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 *April, Pytor Tchikovsky*

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** *This Joy*

This joy* that I have, the world didn't give it to me. (3x)

The world didn't give it, the world can't take it away.

* Strength, love, peace, joy

Benediction

Postlude *Joy (Blues #2), Ray Bryant*

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: Alison Kirchgasser & Sue Doubler

Ushers: Roger & Marilyn Wilson

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* ♦

Marcy Tompson, *Worship Associate* ♦

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), and Marcy Tompson.

Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org.