

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, December 15, 2024

December's Theme is "Presence"

Centering Thought

"Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling."

- Edna Ferber

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

The 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

Martin Newhouse

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

Invocation

Chalice Lighting

Lit by Otto Spencer

***Hymn**

Go Tell it On the Mountain

See Insert

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Offering

Roseanne Hogan

Annual Giving and Events Manager, Bridge Over Troubled Waters

This Sunday, we share the plate with **Bridge Over Troubled Waters**, an organization which provides effective and innovative services to runaway, homeless and high-risk youth, helps youth avoid a lifetime of dependency on social services, guides youth towards self-sufficiency, and enables youth to transform their lives and build fulfilling, meaningful futures.

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text GIVE to (781) 230-6690** or visit <https://www.winchesteruu.org/giving/how-to-give/>

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

Good King Wenceslas, Trad. arr. J. Kramer

Adult Choir and Children's Chorale

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.

The Paper Bag Pageant

*See the insert in your order of service for the words for all hymns
that are part of the pageant.*

***Hymn** *Away in a Manger*

***Hymn** *The First Nowell*

***Hymn** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

***Hymn** *We Three Kings*

***Hymn** *O, Little Town of Bethlehem*

Benediction

Postlude *Linus and Lucy* by Vince Guaraldi

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.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Serving Today

Ushers: Chuck and Julie Khuen

Greeters: Devon and Jean McClurken, and Olson

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

Today's PCA is Vicky Coccoluto @ 781-729-9313 or
at the pew closest to the candle table
immediately after the service.

John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦ Martin Newhouse,
Worship Associate ♦ Seth Carrier-Ladd, *Parish Minister* ♦
Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries* ♦
Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* ♦
Jason Tran, *Livestream Coordinator*

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