

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, March 9

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

"We need to learn how to practice love such that care—for ourselves and others—is understood as political resistance and cultivating resilience."

— Adrienne Maree Brown

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

Liz Lintz

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

Invocation

"Let Us Worship Together" by Lindsay Bates

Chalice Lighting

"A Beacon of Resilience" by Liz Lintz

*Hymn #1000

Morning Has Come

Teal Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection

“The Little Book of Joy”

Brenna Mayer

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.

Meditation

“Nourished and Transformed” by Lisa Garcia-Sampson

Kindling of the Light

March, Pytor Tchaikovsky

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

Silence**Centering Hymn #89**

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Reading

excerpts from “Reclaiming Joy in a World That Feels
Hopeless” by Mary Catherine McDonald

Anthem

This Joy, Resistance Revival Choir

WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection

“Resilience in Practice: Finding Joy in
the Face of Darkness”

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Offering

Our share-the-plate organization this month is **La Colaborativa**,
an organization which has supported Latinx immigrants in Greater

Boston for over 35 years. They partner with the community to provide resources to vulnerable community members, including newly arrived immigrants, undocumented families, non-English speakers, as well as low-income tenants and workers. They are committed to serving, protecting, celebrating, and uplifting Latinx people, ensuring a brighter future for all.

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

Joy Spring, Clifford Brown

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.

Benediction

***Closing 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.

* Love, peace, joy

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

Greeter: Lisa Spencer

Ushers: Chris Weigand & Dan Spencer

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

Today's PCA is Donna Reed 781-626-1785

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* ♦ Liz Lintz, *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

The Resistance Revival Chorus (RRC) is a collective of more than 60 women and non-binary singers who join together to breathe joy and song into the resistance, and to uplift and center women's voices. The RRC centers women in music, and addresses how historically marginalized women have been in the music industry.