

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, March 16

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

“Freedom comes when you learn to let go, creation comes when you learn to say no.” - Madonna Ciccone

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 Thompson

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

Invocation

"In Our Circle Again" by Shari Woodbury

Chalice Lighting

"Holi Recollections"

Swati Mukherjee
Lit by Madeleine Blaine

*Hymn #178

Raghupati

Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection

“A Holi Story”

Swati Mukherjee

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

Suman Mukherjee

Kindling of the Light

Largo, J.S. Bach

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

Silence

Centering Hymn #34

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Reading

“Strong Back, Soft Front” by Roshi Joan Halifax

Anthem

In Time of Silver Rain, John Kramer

WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection

“No, That’s Not Okay”

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

O Danny Boy, Traditional

Brendan Buckley

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.

Stewardship Testimonial

Brad Steele

***Hymn #1**

May Nothing Evil Cross This Door

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude

Rustle of Spring, Christian Sinding

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: Mary Cunningham & Alison Kirchgasser

Ushers: Sally Degan & Ron Efromson

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

Today's PCA is Kim Foley (339) 227-0216

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* ♦ Swati & Suman Mukherjee, *Guest Worship Leaders* ♦ Jay Kwan, *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

We have several celebrations of spring this morning, including the anthem, which sets a text by Langston Hughes, and the postlude, which dramatically describes the rather uncertain nature of early spring. We also celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the singing of that wonderful Irish Air, *O Danny Boy*.