

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, April 20

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

*"That is one good thing about this world;
there are always sure to be more springs."*

- L.M. Montgomery

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

Martin Newhouse

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

Sung Invocation

Alleluia! W.A. Mozart

WUS Children's Chorale

Chalice Lighting

May Darrieulat

***Hymn #61**

Lo, the Earth Awakes Again

Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection

“Easter Surprise”

Brenna Mayer

Prayer

Kindling of the Light

Spring, Edvard Grieg

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

Silence

Centering Hymn #123

Spirit of Life

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Second Reflection

“Embracing the Unexpected”

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Hymn #266

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Gray Hymnal

Sharing Across the Ages

What’s one of the best surprises that has ever happened to you?

What’s a surprise that was more challenging and how did you handle it?

Offering

Martin Newhouse

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 *Hallelujah Chorus, G.F. Handel*

Affirmation of Shared Ministry Jeremiah Fowler

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 #270** *O Day of Light and Gladness* Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude *Toccata, C.M. Widor*

Extinguishing the Chalice Lua Spencer

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 & Sally DeGan

Ushers: Devon, Jean and Olson McClurken

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* ♦ Martin Newhouse, *Worship Associate* ♦

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.