

Welcome to Worship!
Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, May 18
May's Theme is "Imagination"

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

“You’ll get mixed up, of course, as you already know. You’ll get mixed up with many strange birds as you go. So be sure when you step. Step with care and great tact, and remember that Life’s a Great Balancing Act.” - Dr. Seuss

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

Milo Ippolito

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

Invocation

by Tess Baumberger

Sam Wilson

Community Response: *We travel this road together.*

Chalice Lighting

by Sara Eileen LaWall

Caroline Bronski
lit by Zhahira Crawford

***Hymn #1003**

Where Do We Come From?

Teal Hymnal

First Reflection

“Oh, the Places You’ll Go” by Dr. Seuss

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

“Walking the Crooked Path” by Thomas Rhodes

Diana Jaquinta

Kindling of the Light

Footprints, Wayne Shorter

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

Parting Reflection

Alison Luck,
Assistant Director of Youth Ministries

Musical Interlude

Senior Reflections

Noah Brykman, Giorgio Cantoni

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Offering

We are sharing the plate this morning with **Gardens for Good**, a community group which has committed to turning parts of our lawns into gardens and/or volunteering our time to grow fresh produce for neighbors who are patrons of the Council for Social Concern and the En Ka Food Pantry. Gardens for Good is a project of the Winchester Farmers Market Community Hub and is supported by Wright-Locke Farm. Their mission is to increase the availability of fresh, local, healthy food to the diets of local food pantry patrons. They are committed to using regenerative, organic growing practices with the idea of growing food in an ecologically sustainable way that re-carbonizes the soil.

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

Woyaya, Sol Amarifio

Youth Choir,
WUSYG & Adult Choir

Affirmation of Shared Ministry

Maya Basgen

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.

Bridging

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, Sam Wilson, Alison Luck

Seniors: Some of us grew up in this congregation. All of us found a home here that welcomed us and loved us as we are. Thank you for nurturing us and for helping us to form and strengthen our identities. Thank you for creating the sacred space that gave us so many friendships, deep connections, and meaningful moments in our lives. Even as our bodies venture beyond this community, a part of our hearts will always remain here.

Congregation: We cherish the gifts that you have shared during your time here. We honor your dreams and your visions for who you will become. We encourage you to hold your roots close to your hearts as we set you free to spread your wings.

Young Adults: We welcome you with open arms into this next stage of your lives. We know it is simultaneously exciting and terrifying, but we are here to sway in these winds of change with you. We are with you as you embark on a new journey beyond this community. Oh, the places you'll go! Welcome to young adulthood!

*Hymn #1064	<i>Blue Boat Home</i>	Teal Hymnal
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Benediction	by Rick Hoyt	Sam Wilson, Alison Luck
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Postlude	<i>Strollin'</i> , Horace Silver
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Extinguishing the Chalice	Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd
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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

Ushers & Greeters:

Zhahira Crawford, Maya Mulder, Ron Efromson,
Marilyn Wilson & Mary Cunningham

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* ♦

Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries* ♦

Alison Luck, *Assistant Director of Youth Ministries* ♦

John Kramer, *Music Director* ♦ 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.

Flower Dedication (from last week):

In memory of Elinor and Herb Judd and Florence and Sam Banks,
and in honor of Mothers everywhere.

Music Notes:

Woyaya was written by Sol Amarifo and the Afro-Rock group Osibisa and first recorded as the title track of their 1971 album. Woyaya is a Ghanaian term that translates to "we are going." – Other service music is a blessing on the footsteps that mark your journey, whether you stroll or stride.