

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, June 1, 2025

June's Theme is "Freedom"

Livestream Attendees: To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue, email checkingin@winchesteruu.org or call the WUS Office - (781) 729-0949

"The thankful heart opens our eyes to a multitude of blessings that continually surround us." - James E. Faust

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

Peter McEntee

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

Invocation

"A Communion of Souls"

Chalice Lighting

Lit by Jeremiah

*Hymn #301

Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky

Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Religious Education Appreciation Ceremony**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.

Offering

Our share-the-plate partner organization this month is the **House of Peace**. Since its inception in 1990, the House of Peace has welcomed more than 500 refugees from 30 countries, including Haiti, El Salvador, Vietnam, Cuba, Ethiopia, Eritrea, the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, the Congo, and Syria. Most recently their work has focused on children from war-ravaged countries seeking surgeries and other medical care in Boston-area hospitals for severe burns, amputations, and other critical war-related injuries and illnesses. At the heart of their work with refugees is companionship with people with disabilities who live at the House of Peace.

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*Élévation No. 3*, Marcel Dupré

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.

Farewell Ceremony: Richard Dorbin

Gordy McIntosh, Chuck Khuen

Congregational Response:

Richard, your kindness, thoughtfulness, and dedication have been a gift and blessing. We value and appreciate all that you have done to support and promote the ministries of the church as our Office Administrator. We are grateful for the many ways in which you have enriched our lives and community with your presence. We send you with light and love as you embark on this next stage of your journey. May your next steps be filled with goodness, joy, and meaning.

Prayer

"I thank you God for this most amazing day"
by E. E. Cummings

Kindling of the Light

Giving Receiving, Lars Jansson

This is the time in our service where we light a candle for a joy or a sorrow that is sitting on our heart. For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.

Silence

Centering Hymn #391

Voice Still and Small

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Anthem

On Giving, John Kramer

in memory of Dennis Brett

WUS Adult Choir and Sounds of Grace

Second Reflection

“GratitUUdes”

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

***Hymn**

Life Calls Us On

(see insert)

Benediction

Postlude

Ode to Stuff, Stuff
(A blessing on the Rummage Sale)

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

Ushers: Marilyn Wilson, Roger Wilson

Greeters: Terry Currier, Sue Doubler

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

Today's PCA is Terry Currier 781-690-6112

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 ♦ Peter McEntee, *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.