

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, June 8

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

Centering Thought

"It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences."

- Audre Lorde

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

Ringling of the Bell

Community Welcome and Announcements

Jean McClurken

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

Invocation (Seth) "We Speak the Language of Love" by Erika Hewitt

Congregational Response: "We speak the language of love."

Chalice Lighting

Maya Basgen
lit by Cora McVey

***Hymn**

Seed of Hope, John Kramer

As we rise and sing, the children will process in with the gathered flowers.

There's a seed of hope* in my soul,
A little seed of hope* in my soul,
Gonna tend it ev'ry day so that it grows strong, oh this I pray,
Then that seed of hope* soon will bloom in my soul.

*Joy, Love, Justice

First Reflection

A Good Morning's Work

Brenna Mayer

Kindling of the Light

A Flower is a Lovesome Thing, Billy Strayhorn

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 #64

O, Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today

Please remain seated

Gray Hymnal

Sharing Stories

Ira Spencer and Alice Levering

Second Reflection

“Making Space for Difference”

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Offering

We are sharing the plate this month with 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 *The Evening Primrose*, Benjamin Britten WUS Adult Choir

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.

Sharing Stories Madeleine Blaine and Max Mulder

Flower Ceremony *Little Sunflower*, Freddie Hubbard

***Hymn #1028** *The Fire of Commitment* Teal Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude *Honeysuckle Rose*, Fats Waller

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: Marilyn Wilson & Alison Kirchgasser
Usher: Gordy McIntosh

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

Today's PCA is Karen Caputo 617-851-5947

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 ♦ Jean McClurken, *Worship Associate* ♦
Jay Kwan, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

John Keller, Chuck Khuen, Ginger Hanson (Clerk),
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Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org.