All are welcome to join an in-person conversation about today's service in the Parlor or to participate virtually by logging in to www.tinyurl.com/WUSworship at 11:30 a.m.

Serving Today

Marianne DiBlasi, *Summer Minister* ⬩ John Kramer, *Director of Music* ⬩ Victoria and Jacy Ippolito, *Worship Leader* ⬩ Jean McClurken, *Worship Associate* ⬩ Ava Hjorth, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

Kim Foley, Ginger Hanson (Clerk), Jeanne Johnson (Assistant Treasurer), John Keller, Chuck Khuen, Ryan Levering, Gordy McIntosh (Chair), Judy Murray (Treasurer), Sheila Puffer, Liz Scott, Marcy Tompson, and Matt Wilson.
Contact your Standing Committee via **SC@winchesteruu.org** .

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, August 10th, 2025

Livestream Attendees: To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue, email checkingin@winchesteruu.org or call the WUS Office at 781.729.0949.

Centering Thoughts

The worst enemy to creativity is self-doubt.
– Sylvia Plath

Carpe diem, boys, seize the day. Make your lives extraordinary!
– Mr. John Keating (Robin Williams, *Dead Poet's Society*)

Prelude *Meditation No. 13* John Kramer

Community Welcome, Announcements, and Invitation to Greeting Jean McClurken

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 .***

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Words "Power of the Pep Talk" by Victoria Ippolito

Chalice Lighting (Don't) Stop Being Bossy by Emily Ippolito

***Hymn #346** *Come, Sing a Song with Me* Gray Hymnal

First Reflection **General Assembly – A Pep Rally for UU's** Milo Ippolito

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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.

Joys and Sorrows *At this time, you are invited to come forward, light a candle and share a joy or sorrow you carry within. Please note that as this service is being livestreamed, it is available over the internet in the moment and as an archived recording. If anyone wishes to have a candle brought to them, please raise your hand.*

Silence

Hymn #1002 *Comfort Me* Teal Hymnal
Please remain seated

Reading. **"Reciprocal Pep Talks"** by Victoria Ippolito

Anthem *We Shall Come Together Singing* Maggie Wheeler
WUS Summer Choir

Second Reflection **"Pep Talks to Ourselves"** by Jacy Ippolito

Offering Jean McClurken

The offering is a spiritual practice, a collective affirmation of our shared values and commitment to the mission of this liberal religious congregation.

Here are the different ways you can donate to the Winchester Unitarian Society: Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text (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.

Offertory *Pep Talk,* Thomas Huber

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.

***Hymn #1021** *Lean on Me* Teal Hymnal

Benediction **"Pep Talks to Empower the Next Generation"** by Victoria Ippolito

Postlude *Gladiolus Rag,* Scott Joplin

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.