

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, September 7, 2025

September's Theme is Building Belonging

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

“Nothing is softer or more flexible than water,
yet nothing can resist it.” – Lao Tzu

Gathering Music *Sorida*, Rosephanye Powell WUS Adult Choir

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 Marcy Tompson
You may also review weekly announcements at www.tinyurl.com/WUSshappenings

Invocation

Chalice Lighting lit by Jeremiah

***Hymn #188** *Come, Come, Whoever You Are* Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection

Autumn Peltier, Water Warrior

Brenna Mayer

Meditation

Kindling of the Light

By Still Waters, Amy Beach

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

Hymn #100

I've Got Peace Like a River

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Second Reflection

"The Stream"

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Offering

Our share-the-plate partner organization this month is the **Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS)**, an organization which puts rigorous, independent science into action, developing solutions and advocating for a healthy, safe, and just future. UCS uses science and evidence-based decision making to help solve critical issues facing mankind, such as combatting climate change; developing sustainable ways to feed, power, and transport ourselves; reducing the threat of nuclear war; fighting back when powerful corporations or special interests mislead the public on science; and ensuring solutions advancing racial and economic equity.

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

Sicut Cervus, G.P. Palestrina

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.

The Gathering of the Waters

Water From an Ancient Well

Abdullah Ibrahim

When invited to do so, please come forward to pour your water into one of the common bowls. If you do not have water with you, it will be provided. Please raise your hand if you would like someone to come to your seat to collect your water.

***Hymn #1064**

Blue Boat Home

Teal Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude

Wave, Antônio Carlos Jobim

Tyson Kamikawa, Sax; Steve Forcucci, Guitar

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.

Flower Dedication: *Today's flowers are given by Sheila Puffer in honor of Chuck Khuen and the Building Committee for the new solar panel project.*

Serving Today

Ushers: Gordie McIntosh & Matt Wilson

Greeters: Sheila Puffer & Kim Foley

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
or at the pew closest to the candle table
immediately after the service

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, *Interim Minister* ♦

John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦ Marcy Tompson, *Worship Associate* ♦

Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* ♦

Jason Tran, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee Members

Gordy McIntosh (Chair), Kim Foley (Vice Chair), John Keller, Chuck Khuen,
Ryan Levering, Sheila Puffer, Liz Scott, Marcy Tompson,
Matt Wilson, Ginger Hanson (Clerk), and Judy Murray (Treasurer)

Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org.

Music Notes

In these complex times, we all long for the refreshment that water brings and *Sicut Cervus* is an embodiment of that feeling: "As the hart desires the water-brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God." The choir is singing a version by the Italian Renaissance composer Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina in Latin.

Our Gathering Music, by Rosephanye Powell, is a song of welcome. *Sorida* is a form of greeting in the Shona language of Zimbabwe, similar to "shalom" in Hebrew or "jambo" in Swahili.