

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, September 14, 2025

### September's Theme is Building Belonging

**Livestream Attendees:** To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue, email [checkingin@winchesteruu.org](mailto:checkingin@winchesteruu.org) or call the WUS Office  
- 781.729.0949

### Centering Thought

“I long, as does every human being,  
to be at home wherever I find myself.”  
– Maya Angelou

### 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](mailto:checkingin@winchesteruu.org)*

### Ringling of the Bell

### Community Welcome and Announcements

Peter McEntee

*You may also review weekly announcements at [www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings)*

**Invocation** “Grace Meets Us Where We Are” by Gretchen Haley

### Chalice Lighting

lit by Olson McClurken

### \*Hymn #360

*Here We Have Gathered*

Gray Hymnal

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## First Reflection

Brenna Mayer

## Religious Education Teacher Blessing

Brenna Mayer & Sam Wilson

**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

**Kindling of the Light**    *September*, Fanny Hensel Mendelssohn

*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 #1002**

*Comfort Me*

Teal Hymnal

*Please remain seated*

## Reading

**Anthem**

*The Road Home*, Stephen Paulus

**Second Reflection**

“Building Belonging”

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](http://www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline) Please write or type the date of your offering in the memo line or comment field.

**Offertory**                      *Belonging*, Keith Jarrett

**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 #318**                      *We Would Be One*                                      Gray Hymnal

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *At a Certain Church*, John Work III

## **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.

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### **Serving Today**

Ushers: Patty Cameron & Ginger Hanson

Greeters: Sue Doubler & Gloria Legvold

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* ♦  
Peter McEntee, *Worship Associate* ♦ Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth and  
Children's Ministries* ♦ 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](mailto:SC@winchesteruu.org).

*As part of our commitment to racial justice, each worship service includes  
wisdom or an artistic gift  
from people- or communities-of-color.*