

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, September 21, 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

“The journey into self-love and self-acceptance must begin with self-examination... until you take the journey of self-reflection, it is almost impossible to grow or learn in life.” – Iyanla Vanzant

### 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

Martin Newhouse

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

### Invocation

“In Our Circle Again” by Shari Woodbury

### Chalice Lighting

lit by Cora McVey

### \*Hymn #1003

*Where Do We Come From?*

Teal Hymnal

*\*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.

**Meditation****Kindling of the Light***Prelude for Yom Kippur*, Herman Berlinski

*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 #1031***Filled With Loving Kindness*

Teal Hymnal

*Please remain seated***Reading**excerpt from fail, fail again, fail better by Pema Chödrön**Anthem***Avinu Malkeinu*, Max Janowski

WUS Choir

**Second Reflection**

"Looking Within"

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

## Offering

Our share-the-plate organization the rest of this month is **La Colaborativa**, an organization which has supported Latinx immigrants in Greater Boston for over 35 years. They partner with the community to provide resources to vulnerable community members, including newly arrived immigrants, undocumented families, non-English speakers, as well as low-income tenants and workers. They are committed to serving, protecting, celebrating, and uplifting Latinx people, ensuring a brighter future for all.

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**                      *Stand A Little Taller on Yom Kippur*, Ben Winkelman

**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 #217**                      *O Sing Halleluja*    Gray Hymnal

## Benediction

**Postlude**                      *From Synagogue Melodies*, Louis Lewandowski

## 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 & Ramsay Railsbank

Greeters: Gloria Legvold, Jean & Olson McClurken

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

Today's PCA is Marilyn Wilson 781-572-8834

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

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, *Interim Minister* ♦ John Kramer,  
*Director of Music* ♦ Martin Newhouse, *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,  
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Contact your Standing Committee via [SC@winchesteruu.org](mailto:SC@winchesteruu.org).

### Music Notes

Today's music celebrates the Jewish High Holy Days. *Avinu Malkeinu* (Our Father, Our King) is a Jewish prayer recited during the period from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur – the Ten Days of Repentance. The Kindling Music is a profound setting of the *Kol Nidre* – a prayer recited before sunset on the evening of Yom Kippur. Jazz pianist Ben Winkelman gives us a contemporary take on the Jewish ritual and we close with music from the 19th century German Jewish musical innovator Louis Lewandowski.