

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, September 28, 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

“Communication leads to community, that is, to understanding, intimacy and mutual valuing.” – Rollo May

### 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)*

### Ringing of the Bell

### Community Welcome and Announcements

Ivan Correia

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

### Invocation

“The Circle of Community” by Andrew Pakula

### Chalice Lighting

lit by Abby McVey

### \*Hymn #1008

*When My Heart is In a Holy Place*

Teal Hymnal

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## First Reflection

“The Two Champions”

Brenna Mayer

**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**      *Covenant of Love*, David El-Malek

*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 #1023**

*Building Bridges*

Teal Hymnal

*Please remain seated*

**Reading**

excerpt from The Different Drum: Community Making and Peace by M. Scott Peck

**Anthem**

*We are One*, Brian Tate

WUS Choir

**Second Reflection**

“How Do We Be Real?”

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

## Offering

Our share-the-plate organization 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**                      *Beautiful City*, Stephen Schwartz                      Rob Woodin, solo

**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 #126**                      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*                      Gray Hymnal

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *Exultation No. 1*, John Kramer

**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: Laurie Russell & Ramsay Railsbank

Greeters: Sue Doubler & Patty Cameron

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

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, *Interim Minister* ♦ John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦  
Ivan Correia, *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 (Governing Board) Members**

Gordy McIntosh (Chair), Kim Foley (Vice Chair), John Keller, Chuck Khuen,  
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Matt Wilson, Ginger Hanson (Clerk), and Judy Murray (Treasurer)  
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*As part of our commitment to racial justice, each worship service includes  
wisdom or an artistic gift from people-  
or communities-of-color.*

### **Music Notes**

The anthem this morning is inspired by Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 and invokes a deep sense of commitment to community through the oneness of the divine. We complement this with *Beautiful City*, from the musical *Godspell*, which speaks to the forming of beloved community and the importance of the human work involved in its creation.