

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, October 5, 2025

October's Theme is Cultivating Compassion

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

"Your presence is the most precious gift you can give to another human being." – Marshall Rosenberg

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

Ringing of the Bell

Animal Parade

Porcupine Rag, John Kramer

Community Welcome and Announcements

Jean McClurken

You may also review weekly announcements at www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Invocation

"Come into This Place" by Rebecca Edmiston-Lange

Chalice Lighting

adapted from words by Mark Causey

lit by May Darrieulat

*Hymn #21	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	Gray Hymnal
First Reflection	<u>The Rabbit Listened</u> by Cori Doerrfeld	Sam Wilson

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 Please write or type the date of your offering in the memo line or comment field.

Offertory *The Cat and the Mouse*, Aaron Copland

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.

Kindling of the Light *Dolphin Dance*, Herbie Hancock
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.

Meditation

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Silence

Hymn #15 *The Lone, Wild Bird* Gray Hymnal
Please remain seated

Second Reflection

Anthem *All God's Critters Have a Place in the Choir*, Bill Staines
WUS Choirs

Third Reflection "A Practice of Presence" Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Animal Companionship Responsive Blessing by K.G. Johnston

People: We give thanks for animal companionship in our lives and on the earth

***Hymn #203** *All Creatures of the Earth and Sky* Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude *The Raven Speaks*, Keith Jarrett

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 chancel flowers are given by Ginger Hanson "To the family of and all those who grieve Burke Christopher Peter. He left us too soon. We are in your corner always as you are in his."

Serving Today

Ushers: Susan Woodward & Sheila Rudolph-Correia

Greeters: Gordy & Mary McIntosh

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

Today's PCA is Kim Foley 339-227-0216 or at the pew closest to the candle table immediately after the service

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, *Interim Minister* ♦ John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦ Jean McClurken, *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, 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.

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