

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, October 19, 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

“Love yourself enough to set boundaries. Your time and energy are precious and you get to decide how you use them. You teach people how to treat you by deciding what you will and won’t accept.”

— Anna Taylor

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

Ringling of the Bell

Community Welcome and Announcements

Ivan Correia

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

Invocation

“In Our Circle Again” by Shari Woodbury

Chalice Lighting

A Hindu prayer for Diwali

Swati Mukherjee
lit by Neil and Ryan Mukherjee

***Hymn #118** *This Little Light of Mine* Gray Hymnal

First Reflection “A Diwali Story” 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.

Second Reflection “Memories of Diwali” Suman Mukherjee

Anthem *TaReKiTa*, Reena Esmail WUS Adult Choir

Meditation “A Centering Practice” adapted from Lauren Wyeth

Kindling of the Light *Meditation No. 17*, John Kramer
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 *We’ll Be Known By Our Love* see insert
Please remain seated

Third Reflection “Holy No” Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Offering

This week, Share The Plate will be allocated to the **Council of Social Concern** which is headquartered in Woburn. The Council is a charitable, community-based agency responding to the basic needs of people of all ages, providing early childhood education and care, helping individuals develop their potential, creating positive family and community relationships, and fostering respect for diversity. Their services include Childcare Options, Food Assistance, and Family Skill Building Parenting Education Classes. The WUS food drives support the Council's food pantry.

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text GIVE to (781) 230-6690**, used the QR Code or visit www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline Please write or type the date of your offering in the memo line or comment field.



Offertory *Compassion, John Coltrane*

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 #1** *May Nothing Evil Cross This Door* Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude *Jodi Tor Dak, Rabindranath Tagore*

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

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.

Serving Today

Ushers: Patty Cameron & Matt Wilson

Greeters: Dennis Pappas & Sarah Phillips

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

Today's PCA is Sheila Rudolph-Correia 781-570-9169

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* ♦
Jay Kwan, *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.*

Music Notes

We honor the celebration of Diwali this week with music by Indian-American composer Reena Esmail. In her anthem *TaReKiTa* Esmail employs the syllables used by Indian classical musicians in their rhythmic practice. Layered over the rhythmic patterns is a pure melody without text celebrating the simple joy of making music together. The postlude is a well known Bengali song by the famous polymath Rabindranath Tagore.