

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, Nov. 23rd, 2025

### November's Theme is Nurturing Gratitude

**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

*“Interdependence is a fundamental law of nature. Even tiny insects survive by mutual cooperation based on innate recognition of their interconnectedness. It is because our own human existence is so dependent on the help of others that our need for love lies at the very foundation of our existence. Therefore we need a genuine sense of responsibility and a sincere concern for the welfare of others. – Dalai Lama*

### 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

Ivan Correia

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

### Call to Worship

### Chalice Lighting

lit by Alice Levering

**\*Hymn #67**

*We Sing Now Together*

Gray Hymnal

**Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address** - The People, The Earth Mother,  
The Waters, and The Fish

*Congregational Response: Now our minds are one.*

**Anthem**

*Simple Gifts, Shaker Song*

WUS Children's Choir & Adult Choir

**Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address** - The Plants, The Food Plants, and  
The Medicine Herbs

*Congregational Response: Now our minds are one.*

**Meditation**

**Kindling of the Light**      *To a Water-Lily, Edward MacDowell*

*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 #21**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Gray Hymnal

**Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address** - The Animals, The Trees,  
and The Birds

*Congregational Response: Now our minds are one.*

**Anthem**

*Thanksgiving Song, Mary Chapin Carpenter*

WUS Youth and Adult Choir

**Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address** - The Four Winds, The Thunderers,  
The Sun, Grandmother Moon, and The Stars

*Congregational Response: Now our minds are one.*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## Offering

This Sunday we share the plate with a local organization, **Boston Alliance of LGBTQ+ Youth**, also known as BAGLY, in honor of International Transgender Day of Remembrance, which took place on Thursday, November 20th. BAGLY was founded in 1980 in Boston, but the Network has grown to include groups from communities all over Massachusetts, and it collectively provides social support and direct services to more than 6,000 LGBTQ+ youth annually. Services include free therapy for youth, culturally competent sexual education, home economics classes to prepare young adults for independent living, and material support to LGBTQ+ youth who have fled home out of safety concerns. BAGLY also hosts fun events for queer youth, and provides safe spaces where they can be their happiest and most authentic selves.

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



## Offertory

*Thank You, Dave Brubeck*

**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.

**Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address** - The Enlightened Teachers, The Creator, and Closing Words

*Congregational Response: Now our minds are one.*

**Closing Hymn #1064**

*Blue Boat Home*

Teal Hymnal

**Closing Reflection**

## Postlude

*Navajo Vocab No. 7, Connor Chee*

## 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: Marilyn Mullane & Sue Doubler

Greeters: Sheila Puffer & Phil Coonley

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](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.*

## Service Notes:

In her book *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Robin Wall Kimmerer introduces the reader to the Thanksgiving Address, which she calls “a gift of the Haudenosaunee to the world.” The Haudenosaunee are also known as the *Iroquois Confederacy* or *Six Nations*, and comprise the Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Onandaga, Seneca, and Tuscarora. Kimmerer explains that the people of the Onandaga Nation near where she lives recite the Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address before all meetings. The address is at once a listing of blessings, or gifts, and a natural inventory of the world. The recitation serves as a reminder to keep all of these blessings in mind when making all decisions. The address is long, which already bumps up against our modern penchant for “efficiency.” Kimmerer also asserts that it is an antidote to the consumerism necessary to fuel capitalism. As she writes, “Gratitude cultivates an ethic of fullness, but the economy needs emptiness.” Being grateful for our blessings and gifts – what we have already – and not asking for more is a radical idea in our current culture, and one that just might save the world and all its blessings.

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