

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, November 30th

November's Theme is "Nurturing Gratitude"

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

"In order for light to shine so brightly, the darkness must be present."

- Francis Bacon

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

Peter McEntee

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 *We are called back to worship by the ringing of the bell from our Partner Church in Marosvásárhely, Transylvania*

Community Welcome and Announcements

Peter McEntee

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

Invocation

by the Rev. Mark De Wolfe

Chalice Lighting

Lit by Olson McClurken

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

***Hymn #360**

Here We Have Gathered

Gray Hymnal

First Reflection

“The Dark is Friendly” by Jade Maitre

Meditation

Kindling of the Light

Nocturne in Bb minor, Frederic Chopin

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

Centering Hymn #352

Find a Stillness

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Reading

From East Coker III, The four Quartets by T. S. Eliot

Solo

Um Mitternacht (At Midnight Hour), Gustav Mahler

Peter McEntee, solo

Second Reflection

“The Place Where Love Blooms and Grows”

Rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson

Offering

We Share the Plate today with the **United Response Fund** part of United Way of Mass. Unstable federal funding and shifting policies have led to the reduction or elimination of food assistance. In partnership with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, United Way is responding to these direct threats to SNAP, the state’s largest anti-hunger program that serves more than 1 million people in our state. This statewide effort, which involves the 13 United Ways across Massachusetts, aims to serve all 351 communities by rapidly deploying critical food resources to meet urgent, immediate community needs.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

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 *Round Midnight*, Thelonius Monk

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 #108** *My Life Flows on in Endless Song* Gray Hymnal

Benediction by the Rev. Fred Gillis

Postlude *Night*, Nathaniel Dett

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.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Serving Today

Ushers: Sue Doubler & Allison Kirshgasser

Greeters: Sheila Puffer & Lindy Brown

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

Today's PCA is Lee Barton 603-845-8767

Your PCA will be sitting at the pew closest to the candle table immediately after the service.

Rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson, *Guest Minister* ♦

John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦ Peter McEntee, *Worship Associate* ♦

Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries* ♦

Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* ♦

Devon McClurken, *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