

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, January 4

January's Theme is "Practicing Resistance"

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

"It's a terrible thing, I think, in life, to wait until you're ready."
– Hugh Laurie

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

Marcy Tompson

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

Invocation

"We Meet On Holy Ground" by Richard Gilbert

Chalice Lighting

Lit by Abby McVey

*Hymn #350

The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time

Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection

"Picture This"

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/Prayer

adapted from "The Milestone of Your Life"

by Rita Capezzi

Kindling of the Light*A New Hymn*, Carla Bley

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 #123***Spirit of Life*

Gray Hymnal

*Please remain seated***Reading**

"The Summer Day" by Mary Oliver

Anthem*Wolcum Yole*, Benjamin Britten

WUS Adult Choir

Reflection

Milo Ippolito

Sung Response Hymn #6 *Just as Long as I Have Breath* (verse 1)**Reflection**

Ginger Hanson

Sung Response Hymn #6 *Just as Long as I Have Breath* (verse 2)

Sung Response Hymn #6 *Just as Long as I Have Breath* (verse 3)**Offering**

Our share-the-plate offering is going to India Wood and a delegation of UU ministers traveling to Palestine this month. India is a graduate of the WUS youth group, and a seminary student at Union Theological Seminary. Last April, India presented for our Racial Justice group, addressing the ethnic cleansing in Palestine's Gaza strip. She presented with local resident and one-time congregant, Andrew Kurban whose father was expelled from Palestine in 1948.

The group will travel to Palestine on a trip organized by the UUs for Justice in the Middle East. UJME is partnering with the well-established international organization of Arab Christians called "Friends of Sabeel of North America." Sabeel is an ecumenical Christian group based in Jerusalem, founded by an Anglican minister in 1989.

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**

New Beginnings, John Kramer

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** (see insert)

Life Calls Us On

Benediction

Postlude

The New Rag, Scott Joplin

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: *The altar flowers celebrate Velma Kelley's birthday (January 8th), given in perpetuity by her family.*

Serving Today

Ushers & Greeters:

Members of the Pastoral Care Associates & Terry Currier

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

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

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, *Interim Minister* ♦ John Kramer, *Music Director* ♦
Marcy Tompson, *Worship Associate* ♦ Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries* ♦ Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* ♦ Jason Tran, *Livestream Coordinator*

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