

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, December 28th, 2025

December's Theme is Choosing Hope

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

Founded in 1966 by Maulana Karenga, Kwanzaa is an annual cultural celebration that runs from December 26 to January 1. Each day is dedicated to a principle; those seven principles together, known as the Nguzo Saba (N-Goo-Zoh Sah-Ba), provide a basis for reinforcing the value of family, community, and culture. - Takiyah Nur Amin 12/26/2016

Gathering Music

Barry Singer

Invitation to Greeting

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

Invocation ANNUAL FOUNDER'S KWANZAA MESSAGE

"CELEBRATING KWANZAA IN DIFFICULT AND DEMANDING TIMES:
LIFTING UP THE LIGHT THAT LASTS" Los Angeles Sentinel, 12-26-24
DR. MAULANA KARENGA (excerpted)

Offering

This Sunday, we share the plate with **Bridge Over Troubled Waters**, an organization which provides effective and innovative services to runaway, homeless and high-risk youth, helps youth avoid a lifetime of dependency on social services, guides youth towards self-sufficiency, and enables youth to transform their lives and build fulfilling, meaningful futures.

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 *Pure Imagination*, Leslie Bricusse

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 #318** *We Would be One* Gray Hymnal

Benediction Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn

Postlude *My Lord, What A Morning*, Traditional spiritual

**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.

Flower Dedication: *Today's chancel flowers are given by Ginger Hanson "In memory of Brenda Hanson Martino (forever 18) on what would have been her 22nd birthday. May we all enjoy a circle of love in the New Year."*

Serving Today

Usher: Patty Cameron

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener. Today's PCA is Vicky Coccoluto
781-729-9313 or at the pew closest to the candle table
immediately after the service

Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn, *Guest Minister* ♦ Barry Singer, *Guest Pianist* ♦
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,
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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.