

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, January 18, 2026

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

"We must learn that passively to accept an unjust system is to cooperate with that system, and thereby to become a participant in its evil."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

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

Peter McEntee

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

Invocation

"It Is Good To Be Together" adapted from Alison Wohler

Chalice Lighting

"To Be a Unitarian Universalist" by Erika Hewitt

Lit by Jeremiah

***Hymn #169**

We Shall Overcome

Gray Hymnal

First Reflection

Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down

by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Sam Wilson

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.

Prayer

“For All That Is Our Life” by Liz Weber

Kindling of the Light

New World a-Comin’ (Theme), Duke Ellington

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 #86

Blessed Spirit of My Life

Gray Hymnal

Please remain seated

Reading

“Give Voice to Mourning” by Lindasusan Ulrich

Anthem

Hymn to Freedom, Oscar Peterson

WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection

“It Is Time To Be Bold”

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Offering

This week our share-the-plate offering will go to the **Mystic Valley Area Branch of the NAACP**, which is striving to improve human rights and dignity. Some of its main focuses are to work in the areas of criminal justice, education opportunity, health equity, economic development with justice, equal access to justice, youth empowerment, police reform, reparations legislation, voter access, and decolonizing the curriculum.

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

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 #1028**

The Fire of Commitment

Teal Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude

Freedom Suite, Sonny Rollins

**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: Sheila Rudolph-Correia & Terry Currier

Greeters: Vicky Coccoluto & Kim Foley

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* ♦
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.

Music Notes:

Hymn to Freedom was written by the great jazz pianist Oscar Peterson in 1962 with lyrics later added by Harriette Hamilton. She writes: "all the lyrics had to do was express in very simple language the hope for unity, peace and dignity for mankind. It was easy to write." We are still fighting for that vision.