

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, January 25, 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

"Fall seven times; stand up eight."

- Japanese Proverb

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

Ringing of the Bell

Community Welcome and Announcements

Martin Newhouse

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

Invocation

"You Are Never Alone" by Sharon Wylie

Chalice Lighting

Lit by Otto Spencer

*Hymn #346

Come, Sing a Song with Me

Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection *The Hugging Tree* by Jill Niemark

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.

Prayer “Prayer for Resilience” by Douglas Taylor

Kindling of the Light *Clouds*, John Kramer

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 *We'll Be Known By Our Love*

1. When the winds around you blow, take my hand.

When the raging waters flow, I'll help you to land,

(Chorus) And we'll go together into the great unknown.

Shelter for each other, compassion as our home

and we'll be known by our love. We'll be known by our love.

2. When you're fearful when you're blue, don't despair.

When the world gives up on you, I'll still be there. (Chorus)

Please remain seated

Readings for Resilience - Part I

This week our share-the-plate offering will go to the **Volunteer Ventures, MA (VVMA)**. VVMA's mission is to harness the energy and spirit of volunteers to create a more just, compassionate and equitable society through volunteerism and service. By developing and leading hands-on-service projects, VVMA aims to assist community partners in helping uplift people in direct and meaningful ways in their times of need. This week's offering will support VVMA in its sponsorship of WUS's Intergenerational SOUP JAR # 3 event scheduled for 3/22/26. Our goal is to collect enough to make 300 SOUP JARS to give to the Food Pantries at Woburn Council for Social Concern and the En Ka Society (last year we made 250). Help WUS address Food Insecurity in our local communities by donating to VVMA for SOUP JAR #3.

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 *Madrigal Divine (Psalm 23)*, Nathaniel Dett

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.

Readings for Resilience - Part II

Anthem *How Long?* Pepper Choplin

Readings for Resilience - Part III

Hymn #1015 *I Know I Can*

Teal Hymnal

***Hymn** *Psalm 23*

1. The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, ev’n for his own name’s sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear no ill:
For thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
And in God’s house forever more my dwelling place shall be.

Benediction

Postlude *Hope, Lars Jansson*

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: Marilyn Wilson & Terry Carrier

Greeters: Roger Wilson & 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 Marilyn Wilson 781-572-8834 or at the pew closest to the candle table immediately after the service

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, *Interim Minister* ♦ John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦ Martin Newhouse, *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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