

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, February 1, 2026

February's Theme is "Embodying Resilience"

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

*"If we unite our spirits...open, & aching, & whole, & wanting, & giving...
The work we engage, the communities we create, the power of who we can be
holds a great promise, a great hope, for us and our wider communities.
And this matters." — Rev. Alicia Roxanne Ford*

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

Milo Ippolito

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

Invocation

*"You are Beloved and You Are Welcome Here"
by Rev. Joan Javier-Duval*

Chalice Lighting

Rise up, O Flame

Children's Chorale

***Hymn**

Seed of Hope

There's a seed of hope* in my soul,
A little seed of hope* in my soul.
Gonna tend it ev'ry day
So that it grows strong, oh this I pray,
Then that seed of hope* soon will bloom in my soul.
*Love, Strength, Justice

First Reflection

We're Gonna be Golden

Sam Wilson & WUSYG

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.

Statement & Prayer

Statement by Matt Moberg, Chaplain of
The Minnesota Timberwolves & Prayer (abr.) by Rev. Ali K.C. Bell
Sam Wilson

Kindling of the Light

We Shall Overcome, Adolphus Hailstork

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 #1002

Comfort Me

Teal Hymnal

Please remain seated

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Poem "Perhaps the World Ends Here" by Joy Harjo

Anthem *Hope Lingers On* Lissa Scheckenburger
Youth and Adult Choirs

Second Reflection "Hope as a Form of Resilience"
Amelia Pellegrini, Diana Jaquinta, Milo Ippolito

Offering

This week's share-the-plate recipient is the non-profit organization: **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 hands-on Service Projects to help people in need. Donations will support VVMA in its sponsorship of WUS's own Intergenerational SOUP JAR #3 event scheduled for 3/22/26. This Service Project enables our WUS kids as young as 4 years old to work together with our WUSYG Teens, their Parents and other Adults, and our Elders to put together jars filled with ingredients to make a meal of soup. Our goal this year is to collect enough money to make 300 SOUP JARS. And as of today, we are ALMOST ONE THIRD of the way towards our goal. We'll then deliver these Soup Jars to food pantries at the Woburn Council for Social Concern and the En Ka Society in Winchester. Please donate generously to VVMA to make our own SOUP JAR #3 EVENT a success! And let's get our youngest WUS family members engaged in Intergenerational Service Work to address Food Insecurity in our local communities. For "Soup is Justice and Justice is LOVE!"

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 *Hope*, Felix Mendelssohn

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.

Reverse Offering

***Hymn #131**

Love Will Guide Us

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude

Up Above My Head, I Hear Music in the Air, Rosetta Tharpe

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: Calvin Levering, Locke Elledge & Elias Jones

Greeters: Members of the Leadership Development Committee

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

Today's PCA is Terry Currier 781-690-6112

or at the pew closest to the candle table

immediately after the service

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, *Interim Minister* ♦ John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦
WUSYG Youth Group & Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth and Children's
Ministries* ♦ Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* ♦
Jay Kwan, *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:

Longtime fans of the concert series may remember that singer-songwriter and fiddler Lissa Schnekenburger performed on our concert series. Her song *Hope Lingers On* was first recorded by Low Lily in 2018 and we are performing the chorale arrangement by Andrea Ramsey. We also hear Hailstork's gorgeous setting of the Civil Rights Anthem on the organ and songs meant to give us hope.