

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, February 15, 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

"Resilience is not what happens to you. It's how you react to, respond to, and recover from what happens to you."

- Jeffrey Gitomer

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

Liz Lintz

You may also review weekly announcements at

www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Invocation

"Let Your Body Tell the Truth" by Gretchen Haley

Chalice Lighting

***Hymn #1014** *Answering the Call of Love* Teal Hymnal
Note: Replace “standing on the side of love” with “answering the call of love.”

First Reflection

Prayer “A Prayerful Meditation for Renewal” by Rebeka Savage

Kindling of the Light *Andante*, Florence Price
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 *There is a Love* Norton/Parker
 There is a love holding me/us
 There is a love holding all that I/we love
 There is a love holding all
 I/we rest in that love.
Please remain seated

Reading “Our Roots of Resilience” by Kimberlee Anne Tomczak
Carlson

Anthem *O Love*, Elaine Hagenberg WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection “Practicing Resilience” Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Offering

This week's share-the-plate recipient is **International Institute of New England (IINE)**. IINE is a century-old nonprofit that creates opportunities for refugees and immigrants in Massachusetts and New Hampshire through resettlement support, English education, job training and placement, and pathways to U.S. citizenship. Their work helps newcomers build stability, gain economic self-sufficiency, and fully participate in their communities. This week's Share the Plate offering will support IINE's vital mission of welcoming and empowering new Americans as they rebuild their lives.

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

We Have Tomorrow, Florence Price

Cailin Smith

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 #95

There is More Love Somewhere

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude

Juba Dance, Nathaniel Dett

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: Vicky Coccoluto & Donna Reed

Greeters: Robin Wolf & Sheila Rudolph-Correia

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

Today's PCA is Lee Barton 603-845-8767

or at the pew closest to the candle table
immediately after the service

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

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:

“O Love” was inspired by the words of Scottish minister George Matheson in 1882. When he was blinded at the age of nineteen, his fiancé called off their engagement and his sister cared for him as he endured new challenges. Years later, on the eve of his sister’s wedding, he faced the painful reminder of his own heartache and loss as he penned the words to this hymn. Elaine Hagenberg gives this text new life in her composition. ♦ Other service music is a tribute to African-American composers who embodied resilience by creating incredibly beautiful music in the face of systemic racism. The *Andante* comes from Price’s Piano Sonata in E minor, *We Have Tomorrow* sets text by Langston Hughes, and *Juba Dance* is part of Dett’s suite *In the Bottoms*.