

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, March 1, 2026

March's Theme is "Paying Attention"

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

*"It is in the roots, not the branches,
that a tree's greatest strength lies."*

— Matshona Dhliwayo

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

"Multiple Intelligences Welcome" by Dawn Cooley

Chalice Lighting

*Hymn #100

Peace Like a River

Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection

What's in the Box?!

Brenna Mayer

Prayer

“Our Roots of Resilience”
by Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson

Kindling of the Light*Reverie*, Mykola Lysenko

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***Coming Home*

Shari Woodbury

I return to myself. Here where I belong, I am coming home.
Like a bird to its nest, like a river to the ocean,
I am coming home.

Please remain seated

Testimonial

Liz Lintz

Anthem*On Giving*, John Kramer

WUS Adult Choir

Second Reflection

“Rooted in Community, Rising in Strength”

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Offering

This week's share-the-plate recipient is the **Beyond Bond & Legal Defense Fund** (Bond Fund for short), which raises money to pay immigration bonds to free people in ICE prisons in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, or those detained elsewhere who are from or returning to MA. The Bond Fund is a project of the Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network (BIJAN). BIJAN trains volunteers to accompany immigrants to court hearings, in order to provide witness to the justice system and support to immigrants who are often left to navigate the legal process alone. For the month of January, The Bond Fund helped 44 individuals return home to Massachusetts or Rhode Island and get out of ICE detention centers. Let's help free more of our neighbors and immigrants so they can see their families, return to their jobs and the safety of their homes while their legal process is pending.

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 *Giving/ Receiving*, Lars Jansson

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 #1021** *Lean On Me* Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude *Ode to Life*, Don Pullin

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: Chris Weigand & Phil Coonley

Greeters: Nancy Scott & Susan Woodward

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* ♦
Peter McEntee, *Worship Associate* ♦ 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:

The anthem this Sunday was commissioned by WUS and friends and dedicated in loving memory to our dear friend and WUS member Dennis Brett. The text, an excerpt from Kahili Gilbran's poem *On Giving*, bears witness to Dennis's generous nature: "There are those who have little and give it all. There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward. They give as in yonder valley the myrtle breathes its fragrance into space. Through the hands of such as these love flows." ♦ This week marked the fourth year of the Russian war against Ukraine. The Kindling music, by Mykola Lysenko, "The Father of Ukrainian Music" is offered as a prayer for peace