

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, March 22, 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

*"From her beacon-hand glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes
command the air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.*

"Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp! cries she with silent lips.

*"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe
free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these,
the homeless, the tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" – Emma Lazarus*

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

Jean McClurken

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

Invocation

"We Hold Hope Close" by Julián Jamaica Soto

Chalice Lighting

Lit by Kai McVey

***Hymn #148** *Let Freedom Span Both East and West*

Gray Hymnal

First Reflection

Brenna Mayer

Prayer “A Prayer for Immigrants” by Jessica Vazquez Torres

Kindling of the Light *Prelude, Sergei Rachmaninoff*

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** *Spirit of Life / Espíritu de Vida*

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart, all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of life, come to me, come to me.

Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.
Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.
Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;
Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida.
Arráigame, libérame,
Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.
(Please remain seated)

Testimonial

John Healey

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Offering

This week's share-the-plate recipient is **Refugee & Immigrant Assistance Center (RIAC)**. Refugee & Immigrant Assistance Center (RIAC) is a grassroots nonprofit that supports refugees and immigrants in Greater Boston with resettlement services, counseling, education, outreach, and social services that promote cultural, educational, and socioeconomic development. RIAC's work helps newcomers build stability, self-sufficiency, and a sense of belonging in their new communities. This week's Share the Plate offering will support their vital efforts to welcome and empower our newest neighbors.

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 *Immigration Blues*, Duke Ellington

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.

Second Reflection

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Serving Today

Ushers: Chris Weigand & Phil Coonley
Greeters: Sheila Rudolph-Correia & Brett Mulder

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

Today's PCA is Kim Foley 339-227-0216
or at the pew closest to the candle table
immediately after the service

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, *Interim Minister* ♦ John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦
Jean McClurken, *Worship Associate* ♦ Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth and
Children's Ministries* ♦ Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education
Coordinator* ♦ Jay Kwan, *Livestream Coordinator*

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Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org.

Music Notes:

Sergei Rachmaninoff, the famed Russian composer, immigrated to the U.S. in 1917 and officially became a citizen in 1943. We also hear a very early Duke Ellington tune, *The Immigration Blues*, recorded by Ellington and his Kentucky Club Orchestra in 1926. *The Immigrant Experience* was written in 1917 and it is most fitting that we reprise it during today's immigration crisis. The U.S. remains open to receive the persecuted and oppressed who should enjoy all the privileges of citizenship.