

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, April 5, 2026

**April's Theme is "Embracing Possibility"**

**Livestream Attendees:** To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue, email [checkingin@winchesteruu.org](mailto:checkingin@winchesteruu.org) or call the WUS Office  
- 781.729.0949

### Centering Thought

*"The creativity and adaptability of life expresses itself through the spontaneous emergence of novelty at critical points of instability. Every human organization contains both designed and emergent structures. The challenge is to find the right balance between the creativity of emergence and the stability of design." — Fritjof Capra*

### 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](mailto:checkingin@winchesteruu.org)*

### Ringling of the Bell

### Community Welcome and Announcements

Jean McClurken

*You may also review weekly announcements at [www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings)*

### Sung Invocation

*'Tis Eastertime at Last*

WUS Chorale

### Chalice Lighting

adapted from Jennifer McGlothlin

Calvin Levering  
Lit by Lidia Suchy

**\*Hymn #61**                      *Lo, the Earth Awakes Again*                      Gray Hymnal

**First Reflection**                      *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds                      Brenna Mayer

**Kindling of the Light**                      *Emerging*, Alex Hahn

*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**

**Intergenerational Sharing**

*Leaf Collectors:* Max Mulder, Otto Spencer, Olson McClurken,  
Alice Levering, Cora McVey, Timothy Suchy

**Hymn**                      *Seed of Hope*

There's a seed of \*hope in my soul,  
A little seed of \*hope in my soul,  
Gonna tend it everyday, so that it grows strong,  
Oh this I pray,  
Then that seed of \*hope soon will bloom in my soul.  
\*love, joy, justice

**Second Reflection**                      "Easing Into Emergence"                      Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*



## 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.

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### Serving Today

Ushers & Greeters: Members of the Standing Committee,  
Alice Levering, Cora McVey, Timothy Suchy, and Lua Spencer

Reverse Offering: Alice Levering, Cora McVey,  
Lua Spencer, and Olson McClurken

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*

### **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)  
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