

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, April 19, 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

*"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors;  
we borrow it from our children."* - Native American Proverb

### 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

Marcy Tompson

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

### Invocation

*"We Join With the Earth" from the United Nations  
Environmental Sabbath Program*

### Chalice Lighting

Lit by Ira Spencer

### \*Hymn #7

*The Leaf Unfurling*

Gray Hymnal

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**First Reflection**      adapted by Susanne Intriligator from  
Nature's Best Hope by Doug Tallamy

**Meditation**      "My help is in the mountain" by Nancy Wood

**Kindling of the Light**      *Lilac*, Tigran Hamasyan  
*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 #15**      *The Lone, Wild Bird*      Gray Hymnal  
*Please remain seated*

**Readings**      excerpt from "Becoming Resilient: Community Life  
for a New Age" by Peggy Clarke and  
Matthew McHale "Remember" by Joy Harjo

**Anthem**      *Earth Song*, Robert Washburn      WUS Adult Choir

**Second Reflection**      "Yes We Can!"      Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

**Offering**

This week's share-the-plate recipient is the **Gardens for Good**, a community group which has committed to turning parts of our lawns into gardens and/or volunteering our time to grow fresh produce for neighbors who are patrons of the Council for Social Concern and the En Ka Food Pantry. Gardens for Good is a project of the Winchester Farmers Market Community Hub and is supported by Wright-Locke Farm. Their mission is to increase the availability of fresh, local, healthy food to the diets of local food pantry patrons. They are committed to using regenerative, organic growing practices with the idea of growing food while returning the soil to ecological balance.

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](http://www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline) Please write or type the date  
of your offering in the memo line or comment field.



**Offertory**

*The Peace of Wild Things*  
John Kramer/ Wendell Berry

Kirsten Hart, solo

**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 #1064**

*Blue Boat Home*

Teal Hymnal

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Joy Spring, Clifford Brown*

**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: Joe & Deb Eiler

Greeters: Donna Reed & Naomi Magnoni

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

Today's PCA is Vicky Coccoluto 781-729-9313  
or at the pew closest to the candle table  
immediately after the service

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

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