

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, June 14, 2026

June's Theme is "Flourishing Together"

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

*"A flower does not think of competing
with the flower next to it. It just blooms." – Zen Shin*

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

"All of Us Are Beautiful" by Thomas Rhodes

Chalice Lighting

by C. Schmidt and A. Capen

Olson McClurken
Lit by Otto Spencer

*Flower Procession/Hymn #21

For the Beauty of the Earth

Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection

Small Things Mended by C. Robinson

Brenna Mayer

Prayer

“A Bouquet of People” by Claire Feingold Thoryn

Kindling of the Light

African Flower, Duke Ellington

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 #64

O, Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today

Gray Hymnal

Sharing Time

Offering

This week's share-the-plate recipient is the **House of Peace**. Since its inception in 1990, the House of Peace has welcomed more than 500 refugees from 30 countries, including Haiti, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, and Syria. Most recently their work has focused on children from war-ravaged countries seeking surgeries and other medical care in Boston area hospitals for prostheses due to lost arms and legs and for treatment of extremely severe burns. They come for medical treatment in Boston and are hosted in a healing community in Ipswich. These treatments are life altering for the children and their families.

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

Here Take This Lovely Flower, Frank Ticheli

WUS Adult Choir

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 “Planting Seeds of Love” Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Flower Communion *Flower Duet*, Léo Delibes
Kirsten Hart and Cailin Smith

***Hymn #65** *The Sweet June Days* Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude *Heliotrope Bouquet*, Joplin/Chauvin

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: Jim Feldman, Laurie Russell, Max Mulder & Cora McVey

Greeters: Rebecca Feldman, Jennifer Infantino, Otto & Lua Spencer

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* ♦ Jean McClurken, *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:

Lots of music celebrating flowers today, from the beautiful *Flower Duet* (*Dôme épais le jasmine*) from the opera *Lakmé*, to the lovely Shaker Song arranged for choir by Frank Tichelli. The famous band leader and composer Duke Ellington lends us his *African Flower* and we end with the graceful Rag *The Heliotrope Bouquet*. Listen for the different colors and syncopated rhythms that Scott Joplin and Louis Chauvin employ.