

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society • Sunday, August 16, 2026

Livestream Attendees: To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue, email checkingin@winchesteruu.org or call 781.729.0949.

Centering Thought

“To sing is to pray twice.” – St. Augustine

Prelude

Slane

John Kramer

**Community Welcome Announcements, and
Invitation to Greeting**

Liz Lintz

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

Opening Words

by Liz Lintz

Martin Newhouse

Chalice Lighting

Rise up, O flame, by thy light glowing,
show to us beauty, vision, and joy.

***Opening Hymn #118**

This Little Light of Mine

Gray Hymnal

First Reflection

Come, Sing a Song with Me

John Kramer

*Please rise in body or in spirit

Blessing

The Light Within, John Kramer

As children and teachers leave for Religious Education, the community is invited to sing them on their way!

May the light within you shine before you, everyday, everyday.
May the light within you shine before you, guide your way,
guide your way.
May the love we share surround you and chase your fears away.
May the light within you shine before you, this we pray,
this we pray.

Joys and Sorrows *At this time, you are invited to come forward, light a candle, and share a joy or sorrow you carry within. Please note that, as this service is being livestreamed, it is available over the internet in the moment and as an archived recording. If anyone wishes to have a candle brought to them, please raise your hand.*

Silence

Centering Hymn

Come by Here

Please remain seated

Hymn Sing

You will be invited to call out hymn numbers for us to sing together at this time.

Offering

Liz Lintz

The offering is a spiritual practice, a collective affirmation of our shared values and commitment to the mission of this liberal religious congregation.

Whether attending in person or via livestream, you are welcome to donate electronically. **Text (781) 230-6690** or visit www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline.

Please write or type the date of your offering in the memo line or comment field.



Offertory

Spirit of Life

John Kramer

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.

***Closing Hymn #298** *Wake, Now My Senses* Gray Hymnal

Benediction by ? Liz Lintz

Postlude *Hyfrodol* John Kramer

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

Matthew Bronski, *Worship Leader* ♦ John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦

Ivan Correia, *Worship Associate* ♦ Jay Kwan, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

Kim Foley, Chair (2028), Lee Barton, Vice-Chair (2029),
John Keller (2027), Gordon McIntosh (2027), Marcy Tompson (2027), Liz Scott
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Becky McVey (2029), Ginger Hanson (Clerk),
Judy Murray & Chris Weigand (Co-Treasurers).

Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org

Music Notes

One of the many things I love about music is its ephemeral quality; as soon as one creates it, it is gone. *Now I Walk in Beauty* is a setting of a Navajo prayer written by Gregg Smith and popularized by the musical group Libana.