

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, September 6, 2026

Livestream Attendees: To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue,
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- 781.729.0949

Centering Thought

“Civil disobedience is not just disobedience. It is obedience--obedience
to a higher moral law, obedience to faith, obedience to our values.”

- The Rev. Rose Maldonado Schwab
Shawnee Mission UU Church, Lenexa, Kansas

Prelude	<i>Fables of Faubus by Charles Mingus</i>	John Kramer
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Community Welcome Announcements, and Invitation to Greeting	Liz Lintz
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*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	from Henry David Thoreau, <i>Civil Disobedience</i> (1849)	Martin Newhouse
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Chalice Lighting	The Sacred Power of Justice	Liz Lintz
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*Opening Hymn #109	<i>As We Come Marching, Marching</i>	Gray Hymnal
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**Please rise in body or in spirit*

First Reflection

"Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up By Sitting
Down" by Andrea Davis Pinkney and Brian Pinkney

Martin Newhouse

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 #170**

We Are a Gentle, Angry People (Vs. 1-4)

Please remain seated

Reading

from Hannah Arendt, *Civil Disobedience* (1970)

Liz Lintz

Second Reflection

"Unitarian Universalism and Civil Disobedience:
An American Creed and an American Tradition."

Martin Newhouse

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.

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 Prelude on "We Shall Overcome" by Adolphus Hailstork

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 #169** *We Shall Overcome* Gray Hymnal

Closing Words Martin Newhouse

Benediction Martin Newhouse

Postlude *Prelude No. 15 by Dmitri Shostakovitch*

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

Marianne DiBlasi, *Summer Minister* ♦

Martin Newhouse, *Worship Leader* ♦ John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦

Liz Lintz, *Worship Associate* ♦ Jason Tran, *Livestream Coordinator*

WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members

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

Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org

Music Notes

In his 1959 release *Fables of Faubus*, Jazz bassist Charles Mingus openly mocks the Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus who in 1957 had refused to allow the integration of schools in Little Rock. Columbia Records banned the lyrics on the initial recording, so we had to wait a year until they were recorded as *Original Faubus Fables* on the Candid label. Mingus regularly returned to both versions in his numerous performances.

In 1934 Dmitri Shostakovich, then 28, ran afoul of Joseph Stalin who denounced his music, nearly ending Shostakovich's career (and threatening his life). From then on, he was able to thread a fine line between critique of the Soviet regime and preserving his liberty. In his Prelude 15, from 24 Preludes & Fugues, I hear a kind of mocking of authority, especially in the ironic "wrong notes" at the end.

Hymns today are some from our hymnal that have been used as protest songs. Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941) gives us a lovely setting of
We Shall Overcome.