

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, September 13, 2026

September's Theme is "Beginnings"

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

*"Nothing is softer or more flexible than water,
yet nothing can resist it." – Lao Tzu*

Gathering Music

In Meeting We Are Blessed, Troy Robertson

WUS Adult Choir

Invitation to Greeting

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

*In person attendees: Note that the congregation is periodically visible in the livestream. If you do not want to be seen, please sit in the marked section of pews that does not appear on camera. **Livestreamers: Please let us know who you are and what's on your mind by sending an email to checkingin@winchesteruu.org***

Ring of the Bell

Bringing Forth of the Water

Community Welcome and Announcements

Liz Lintz

You may also review weekly announcements at www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Invocation

"River Road" by Manish Mishra-Marzetti

Chalice Lighting

***Hymn #118**

This Little Light of Mine

Gray Hymnal

Time for All Ages

"The Water of Creation"

Brenna Mayer

Kindling of the Light

Raindrop Prelude, Frédéric Chopin

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 #1007

There's a River Flowin' in my Soul

Teal Hymnal

Please remain seated

Homily

"Water Us"

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Offering

This week's share-the-plate recipient is **Mystic River Watershed Association (MRWA)**. MRWA builds solutions so that all people across the watershed, no matter who they are or where they live, have safe and easy access to nature and a healthy environment. MRWA is rooted in science and the understanding of environmental injustices. They believe access to information and opportunities to learn about the natural world empower us all to work together for a better future in the Mystic.

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.



**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Offertory

I've Got Peace Like a River, arr. J. Kramer

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.

The Gathering of the Waters

When invited to do so, please come forward to pour your water into one of the common bowls. If you do not have water with you, it will be provided. Please raise your hand if you would like someone to come to your seat to collect your water.

***Hymn #1064**

Blue Boat Home

Teal Hymnal

Benediction**Postlude**

By a Meadow Brook, Edward MacDowell

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: Fritzie Nace & Phil Coonley

Greeters: Brad Steele & Sue Doubler

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* ♦
Liz Lintz, *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

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

Contact your Standing Committee via SC@winchesteruu.org

Music Notes:

Our instrumental music this morning invites you to imagine how water moves through the world. How does the Chopin prelude create the feeling of rain? What kind of rain shower does he describe in the music? Does the feeling of rain change or stay the same? In the postlude, can you imagine a meadow brook or mountain stream burbling along? Have you seen that kind of stream? How does MacDowell create the feeling of moving water in his music?