

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, October 18, 2026

October's Theme is "Courage"

In-person attendees: *Note that the congregation is periodically visible in the livestream and that we publicly post recordings of services for others to view later. If you do not want to be seen, please sit in the marked section of pews that do not appear on camera.*

Livestream Attendees: *Please let us know who you are and what's on your mind by sending an email to checkingin@winchesteruu.org. You can also email that same address or call the WUS Office at (781) 729-0949 to notify our Livestreaming Tech of a broadcast issue.*

Centering Thought

*"Millions saw the apple fall,
but Newton was the one who asked why."*

— Bernard Baruch

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Community Welcome and Announcements

Jean McClurken

You may also review the weekly announcement slideshow at www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Sung Invocation

Apple Picker's Reel, Larry Hanks

WUS Children's Chorale

Chalice Lighting

lit by Cora

***Hymn #52**

In Sweet Fields of Autumn

Gray Hymnal

**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.

Kindling of the Light October, Pyotr Tchaikovsky

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 *I Am the Calm*, Carole Marie Downing

Please remain seated

I am the calm in the eye of the storm,
come to center.

I am the calm in the eye of the storm,
take a breath.

I am the calm in the eye of the storm,
come to center.

I am the calm in the eye of the storm,
you can rest.

I am the calm.

Apple Meditation

Anthem *Apples*, Saul Honigman WUS Adult Choir

Reading excerpt from “Where Did All the Apples Go?”
by Matthew Zuras

Sermon “Apple of My Eye” Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Offering

*This week’s share-the-plate recipient is **Gardens for Good (GFG)**. Gardens for Good is 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 Please write or type the date
of your offering in the memo line or comment field.



Offertory *Linden Lea* Ralph Vaughan Williams
Brendan Buckley, 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.

Benediction

Postlude *The Autumn Leaves, Joseph Kosma*

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: Dan & Lisa Spencer

Greeters: Sara & May Darrieulat

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, *Music Director* ♦

Jean McClurken, *Worship Associate* ♦ Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth and*

Children's Ministries ♦ Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious*

Education Coordinator ♦ Jason Tran, *Livestream Coordinator*

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