Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, November 1, 2026

November's Theme is "Healing"

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

"Sometimes, only one person is missing,
and the whole world seems depopulated."
— Alphonse de Lamartine

You are invited to place photos and small mementos on the chancel table before worship begins or during the opening hymn.

Gathering Music John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Community Welcome and Announcements Marcy Tompson
You may also review weekly announcements at
www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Sung Invocation *Breaths,* Ysaye Barnwell WUS Youth Choir

Chalice Lighting Lit by Olson

***Hymn #336** *All My Memories of Love* Gray Hymnal

Time for All Ages Brenna Mayer

Blessing

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.

Offering

This week's share the plate recipient **is Common Cause - Massachusetts,** a group that is working to strengthen our democracy and protect election integrity. Common Cause Massachusetts fights for concrete, pro-democracy reforms that fight corruption, curb the influence of big money, and ensure our government remains accountable to the people of Massachusetts. Donations support grasssroots, legal and legislative action to stand up to special interests, hold elected officials accountable and build the democracy that all Americans deserve.

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 *Shall We Gather At the River,* arr. Aaron Copland
WUS Adult Choir

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

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.

Homily Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Hymn #101 *Abide With Me* Gray Hymnal

Meditation "Prayer of Remembrance" by Lori Walke, adapted

Kindling of the Light *Goodbye Pork Pie Hat,* Charles Mingus
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

Sung Litany *You are Not Forgotten*, John Becker
Cailin Smith and Brendan Buckley, Soloists

The community is invited to offer the sung response,
"You are Not Forgotten," after each name is intoned.

Benediction

Postlude *Passacaglia in D minor,* Dietrich Buxtehude

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.

Flower Dedication: The Altar Flowers today is given by Sheila Puffer in appreciation of the Ippolito Family for their leadership with The Haunted House community event.

Serving Today

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener.
Today's PCA is Terry Currier 781-690-6112.
Your PCA will be sitting at the pew closest to the candle table immediately after the service.

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, *Interim Minister* ♦ John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦ Marcy Tompson, *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

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:

Humans have forever been creating music to remember our loved ones. *Goodbye Pork Pie Hat* was written by the legendary jazz bassist and composer Charles Mingus to remember the jazz saxophonist Lester Young who was known to wear a pork pie hat. *Shall We At the River* is an American hymn written by Robert Lowry in 1864 and arranged by Aaron Copland in 1952. "*Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river; Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.*