Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, November 8, 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

"Be kind whenever possible.
It is always possible." — Dalai Lama

Gathering Music John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Community Welcome and Announcements Liz Lintz

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

Invocation "We Speak the Language of Love" by Erika Hewitt

Congregational Response: "We speak the language of love."

Chalice Lighting

***Hymn #178** *Raghupati* Gray Hymnal

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Neighboring Faiths Book Presentation

Time for All Ages Brenna Mayer

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.

Meditation Suman Mukherjee

Kindling of the Light *Time Remembered,* Bill Evans

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

Centering Hymn #1002 *Comfort Me* Teal Hymnal

Reading video of Abdul El-Sayed & Tommy

Anthem *Show Us How to Love,* Mark Miller WUS Adult Choir

Sermon "Choosing Kindness" Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Offering

*This week's share-the-plate recipient is **The Dwelling Place**, a free dinner program in Woburn center that was founded in 1987 and is operating in the United Methodist Church at 523 Main Street. Meals are prepared by members of local churches and organizations for individuals and families in need. Guests may take a meal to go or stay and eat in community. W.U.S. will be preparing and serving the meal on Saturday, November 28th. Please consider signing up to help. There is a signup sheet by the Social Action and Outreach poster in Symmes. We are committed to providing the meal on the 4th Saturday of every other month. In January and March, the Youth Group and the F8th in Action groups will prepare and serve the meal. Today's Share The Plate donations will go toward purchasing the groceries for these meals.*

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 *No One is Alone,* Stephen Sondheim

Emily Goodberg, 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.

***Hymn #131** *Love Will Guide Us* Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude *Ode to Life,* Don Pullin

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 are donated by Ginger Hanson "In memory of Brenda. On this All Souls and Day of the Dead, sending love to all who grieve".*

Serving Today

Ushers: Laurie Russell & Ramsey Railsback
Greeters: Victoria Ippolito & Ryan Levering

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener.
Today's PCA is Vicky Coccoluto 781-729-9313
or at the pew closest to the candle table
immediately after the service

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, *Interim Minister* ♦ john Kramer, *Music Director* ♦ Liz Lintz, *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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