



# ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, December 2, 2018

*Believing in a community that unites all people*

## Pre-Service Quiet

**Choral Prelude** *Christmas Hymn* by Judith Sargent Murray  
Music Director Matthew Johnsen

## Chalice Lighting

**Welcome** Conrad Homan

**Opening Words** Rev. David Johnson

**Reflection** *Unitarian & Universalist Advents* Rev. Aaron Payson

**Hymns** *Mercy to All* by Andrews Norton &  
*Hail! The Lord's Anointed* by Thomas Whittemore

## Children's Collection

(Children are invited to attend the Rel. Exploration Program following the collection)

## Sending Song

*Go now in peace. Go now in peace.  
May the Spirit of Love surround you.  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.*

**Reflection** *Ballou on Christmas* Rev. Aaron Payson

**Hymns** *Angelic Message & Christmas* by Hosea Ballou

**Choral Offertory** *Hear Us Shepherd Heavenly King* by Hosea Ballou  
(Newcomers: please accept this service as our gift to you.  
Do not feel obligated to participate in the offering at this time.  
Please see information below on our new Text-to-Give service)

**Reflection** *Advent at Peace and War* Rev. David Johnson

**Hymns** *Glory to God!* by E.H. Chapin  
*The Angels Sung o're Judah's Plain* by Mary Ann Colburn  
*No Warlike Sounds Awoke the Peace* by Mary Livermore  
*Like a Cradle Rocking* by Saxe Holm (Helen Hunt Jackson)

## Joys & Sorrows & Pastoral Prayer

**Reflection** *A 20th Century Advent* Rev. Aaron Payson

**Hymns** *A Christmas Hymn* by John Haynes Holmes  
*Carol* by John Coleman Adams  
# 234 *In the Gentle of the Moon* by Carl Seaburg

**Benediction** *Evensong* by Barbara Hamilton-Holway

**Choral Postlude** *Once in David's Royal City* by Carl Seaburg

## Announcements

\* Please stand in body or in spirit

Text-to-Give - Without check or cash and want to participate in our weekly offering? From a smartphone text the amount of your contribution to 508-231-5335. First-time contributors will be asked for one-time registration information by Simplegive. Thank you for helping us continue to be a congregation of love, hope and justice!

## SERVICE NOTES

*Our thanks to these volunteers*

**Usher:** Bryon Sweeney  
**Greeter:** Karen Sweeney

**Worship Associates:**  
To Be Announced

**Fellowship Hour Sponsors:**  
Hospitality Team and  
Soup with Kristen Payson

## UPCOMING SERVICES

Unless noted otherwise  
*Preservice Quiet & Prelude at 9:50 am*  
*Worship Service and RE Classes at 10 am*  
*Fellowship at 11:15 am*  
*Rev. Aaron Payson, Preaching*

### December 9, 2018

*Finding the Tao in the  
Hundred Acre Woods*

### December 16, 2018

*The Traveler's Tale*

### December 23, 2018

10 am - Annual Solstice Service  
*The Yule Fairies*  
4 pm - Annual Holiday Vespers Service  
*Peace on Earth*  
5:30 pm - Annual Vespers Tea

### Monday December 24, 2018

7 pm - Annual Christmas Eve Service  
*Hark, The Herald Angels Sing*

## WELCOME VISITORS

Please come to Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and an opportunity to learn more about our congregation.

## FELLOWSHIP INFO

**Please!** *No food or drink in the sanctuary during the service.*

11:15 AM: fully-hosted coffee hour with snacks provided by a group at the church.

Please consider making a small donation to the coffee hour collection basket.

## UUCW Activity Calendar ~ December 2 - 9

### Sunday, December 2- Worship Service and RE Classes at 10 am

Noon - 1:30 pm	Holiday Decorations Wksp	Fellowship Hall
1 - 4 pm	Worcester Shubertiad	Sanctuary

### Thursday, December 6

7 - p pm	Comm. On Right Relations	Meeting Room 1
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### Friday, December 7

11 am - 1 pm	Parish Services	Meeting Room 1
6 - 8:30 pm	Friday Game Night	Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, December 8

9 am - noon	Women's Social Circle	Off-site Event
3 - 7 pm	Young Adult Mash-up	Fellowship Hall
5 - 8:30 pm	Parent's Night Out	Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, December 9- Worship Service and RE Classes at 10 am

noon - 1:30 pm	Young Adult Mash-up	Fellowship Hall
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## Holiday Handmade Decorations Workshop Today, Following Worship and Fellowship Hour:

Join Rev. David Johnson and his wife Julie Coulter for a multi-generational holiday decoration workshop. Come learn how to make your own ornaments, etc. This is a wonderful family-friendly opportunity to relax into the holiday spirit and to exercise your own creativity! Rev. Johnson will be joining Aaron for our Sunday morning service which will explore Universalist contributions to the music of Advent. We hope you'll join us for this fun-filled morning!

The workshop is free and open to all ages.

## Regularly Scheduled UUCW Events

### Board of Management

2nd Mon, 6 - 8 pm

### Choir Rehearsal

Th, 7 - 8:30 PM

Sunday, 9 - 9:30 am

### Evening Book Club

2nd Wed, 7 - 8:30 pm, Lounge

### Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

3rd Sat, 10 am - noon, Fell Hall

### Lunch W/Minister & Reader's Unite

1st Wed, Noon-2:15 pm, Lounge

### Meditation Group

Mon, 9:30 - 11 am, Lounge

### Men's Group

4th Fri, 7 - pm, Meeting Room 1

### Refugee Ministry Team

Mon, 9:30 am - noon, MR3

### SNAP Team

Wed, 10 am - noon, MR 2

### Staff Meeting

Mon, 10 am - noon, DRE Office

### Side With Love Task Force

E/O Sun, 11:45 am -1:45 pm, Sanctuary

### Touchstones Small Group Ministry

E/O Tuesday, 7 - 8:30 pm, Lounge

## GIVING TREE

Please help us decorate our giving tree with \$10 grocery gift cards, hats, gloves, mittens and socks. These will be distributed to our clients at the Loaves and Fishes food Pantry on December 15th. Last date for you to donate would be on Dec 13th. Thank you!!!

## Upcoming Events:

Please see most recent UUCW Message or our website for more info on these events:

*December 8* - Women's Social Circle

*December 8* - Young Adult Mash-Up

*December 8* - Parent's Night Out

*December 16* - Social Threads

Please see other side for holiday service information.

## Community Groups & Regular Renters

### Al-Anon Adult Children

Thurs., 7:30 pm, Lounge

### Alcoholics Anonymous

AA) Fri., 8 pm, MR 2

### CentMA Lyme Support

2nd Sat 1 - 3 pm FH

### Cerviatti Yoga

Mon, 6 - 8 pm, FH

### Codependents Anon.

Tues, 7:30 pm, MR 1

### Debtors Anonymous (DA)

Tues., 7 pm, Lounge

### Greater Worc. Humanists

2nd Tues, 6:30 pm F.Hall

### GWH Steering Comm.

1st Mon 7 pm Fell. Hall

### Jane Fund of Central MA

1st Mon 7 pm Lounge

### Jericho Road Board

1st Wed 6 pm MR 3

### MidMass Narcolepsy

EO/2nd Sat 11 am Lounge

### Overeaters Anonymous

Sat., 7:30 am, Lounge

1st Sat, 8:45-10:15 am,

Meeting Room 3

### WGLN Rainbow Lunch

2nd/4th Wed, 12 - 2 pm FH

### S-Anon Group

Thur, 7 - 8:15 pm, MR 2

### Worc. Animal Rescue Lg

EO/3rd Tues, 8- 10 am, FH

### Worc Comm Drum Circle

4th Fri, 7:30 - 9:30 pm,  
F.Hall

## THE OFFERING LAST WEEK

*Sunday, November 25 pledges = \$ 6,404.83*

*FY2019 Pledges to date = \$49,130.65*

*Sunday, November 25 offering = \$131.00*

*FY2019 offering to date = \$1,882.00*

## CONGREGATIONAL MISSION STATEMENT

The members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester covenant to be a congregation of love, hope and justice inspiring people to take on the challenges of a changing world.

## WELCOMING CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester strives to further the affirmation and celebration of LGBTQI individuals in all aspects of the church community. We also seek to increase the visibility of UUCW as a Welcoming Congregation within the greater community.

## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION & EDUCATION

Sundays from Sept 24- June 10

*Nursery Care*: 9:50 - 11:15 in the Nursery

*Religious Education*: 10 - 11:15 am, meeting rooms

*Youth Group*: 6 - 8 pm, Fellowship Hall

For information on UUCW RE programs, please email the RE program at uucwre@gmail.com

## TEXT ALERTS FROM UUCW

TEXT ALERTS from UUCW are now being offered. In case of cancellation of Worship/RE or other events, you can receive alerts on your smartphone. To sign up, text UUCWORCESTER to 84483. Please note that carrier SMS fees may apply.

## Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester

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Office Hours: M, T, W: 9 am - 3 pm; Th: 9 am - 2 pm

**Mercy in All by Andrews Norton**

My God! I thank thee: may not thought  
 E're deem they chastisements severe;  
 But may this heart, by sorrow taught,  
 Calm each wild wish, each idle fear.

Thy mercy bids all nature bloom;  
 The sun shines bright, and man is gay;  
 Thine equal mercy, spreads the gloom  
 That darkens o're his little day.

Thy various messengers employ!  
 Thy purposes of love fulfil;  
 And 'mid the wreck of human joy,  
 May knelling faith adore they will!

**Hail the Lord's Anointed  
 by Thomas Whittemore**

He comes to break oppression,  
 to set the captive free;  
 to take away transgression,  
 and bless eternity.

To give them songs for sighing,  
 their darkness turn to light  
 Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
 are precious in his sight.

The tide of time shall never,  
 his covenant remove,  
 His name shall stand forever.  
 That name to us is Love.

**Angelic Message (Christmas)  
 by Hosea Ballou**

'Twas night, and gloomy  
 darkness hung  
 Over the lands afar;  
 Shepherds in pensive numbers sung  
 Or watched the twinkling star.  
 Or watched the twinkling star.

Deep musing on the prophecies  
 Of glories then to come,  
 With glimmering hopes and longing eyes,  
 They of Messiah sung.  
 They of Messiah sung.

What sudden glories did surprise  
 Shepherds who watched their fold!  
 A heavenly form salutes their eyes,  
 Arrayed in shining gold!  
 Arrayed in shining gold!

"Behold the tidings which we bring  
 of long expected light;  
 A child is born to rule our hearts  
 In Bethlehem tonight.  
 In Bethlehem tonight.

**Christmas Hymn by E.H. Chapin**

Hark! Hark! With harps of gold,  
 What anthem do they sing?  
 The radiant clouds are backwark roll'd,  
 And angels smite the string.  
 Glory to God; bring wings,  
 Spread glist'ning and afar,  
 And on the hallow'd rapture rings,  
 From circling star to star.

"Glory to God" repeat  
 The glad earth and the sea;  
 And ev'ry wind and billow fleet,  
 Bears on the jubilee.  
 Where Hebrew bard hath sung,  
 Or Hebrew seer hath trod,  
 Each holy spot hath found a tongue:  
 "Let glory be to God."

**The Angels Sung o'er Judah's Plain  
by Mary Ann Colburn**

The Angels sung o'er Judah's plain,  
Of peace that earth should see;  
And we'll repeat the joyful strain,  
This is the Jubilee.

The Gospel brings good news of peace,  
Of love and harmony;  
When war, and crime, and hate shall cease,  
This is the Jubilee

Then warring clans now filled with hate,  
Like brethren shall agree;  
And earth enjoy an Eden State,  
This is the Jubilee

**Like a Cradle Rocking by Saxe Holm  
(Helen Hunt Jackson)**

Like a cradle rocking, rocking,  
Silent, peaceful, to and fro,  
Like a mother's sweet looks dropping  
On the little face below,  
Hangs the green earth swinging, turning,  
Jarless, noiseless, safe and slow,  
Falls the light of God's face bending down  
And watching us below.

And as tender babes that suffer,  
Toss and cry and will not rest,  
Are the ones' the tender mother  
Holds the closes, loves the best,  
So may we, perplex'd and weary,  
Fretted by our life's hard test,  
Solace find in God's great patience,  
Holding closest, loving best.

**It Swells Upon the Noonday Breeze  
by John Coleman Adams**

It swells upon the noonday breeze,  
It rises o're the din,  
The chorus that the people sing  
To welcome Christmas in;  
A song to match the angel chant  
That thrilled the ancient sky  
"Let good-will reign through all the world  
The sons of earth reply.

**No Warlike Sounds Awoke the Night  
by Mary Livermore**

No warlike sounds awoke the night,  
Announcing Jesus' birth,  
But angels borne on wings of light;  
Who changed 'Peace on earth!'

Not in the warrior's armor mailed  
Was Christ the Savior found;  
Not striving, when by wrath assailed,  
No with the lurel crowned.

But meek and lowly was his life,  
The gentle Prince of Peace,  
Whose law condemns the hostile strife,  
And bids dissensions cease.

**A Christmas Hymn  
by John Haynes Holmes**

The Bethlehem stars are dim tonight,  
The Bethlehem skies are still,  
The weary shepherds sleep among  
Their flocks upon the hill;  
But Caesar's legions guard the gate,  
His trumpets wait the morn;  
Why come not angels to proclaim  
The Son of Man is born?

O Bethlehem town, our hearts tonight  
Are dreaming all of thee;  
Hast Thou no song for us to hear,  
No star for us to see?  
Must Caesar's trumpets cry the doom  
Of God's dreat Judgement Day,  
Or shall we find thy peace again,  
And at the manger pray?

The listen to the gracious song,  
That strives with war's harsh cry,  
And join your voices to the choir  
That lifts it to the sky.  
For with the blending voices sweet,  
Men's hearts as one shall thrill,  
And human hands shall join in joy,  
To work the Lord's good-will.