



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, November 25, 2018

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Le Cathedrale Engloutie* by Claude Debussy
Music Director Matthew Johnsen

Unison Chalice Lighting - see other side

Welcome & Opening Words

* **Opening Hymn #346** *Come Sing a Song With Me*

Children's Collection

(Children are invited to attend the Religious 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.*

Reading Excerpts from *"I'm Scared Too, and Together, Let's Say Yes!"* - a love letter to white Unitarian Universalists from Chris Crass

Offertory *Souvenir* by Sebelius
(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)

Joys & Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Reading

Reflection *Resisting White Supremacy - What's In It For White People*
Guest Speaker Ken Wagner

* **Closing Hymn #168** *One More Step*

Benediction *Evensong* by Barbara Hamilton-Holway

Postlude *Gymnopedie* by Eric Satie

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: Sean Reynolds
Greeter: Sheri Linn

Worship Associates:
To Be Announced

Fellowship Hour Sponsors:
Members & Friends of UUCW

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 2, 2018
UU Advent Hymn Service

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 ~ November 25 - December 2

Sunday, November 25- Worship Service and RE Classes at 10 am

Wednesday, November 28

6 - 8 pm Website Team Meeting Room 1

Friday, November 30

2 - 10 pm Craft Fair Setup All Church Spaces

Saturday, December 1

9 am - 2 pm Annual Craft Fair All Church Spaces
6 - 9 pm Worc. Shubertiad Rehearsals Sanctuary

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

1 - 4 pm Worcester Shubertiad Sanctuary

Holiday Poinsettia Project

Once again this year, the Sanctuary Aesthetics Team is sponsoring the Annual Holiday Poinsettia Project to decorate our Sanctuary in December. Members & Friends of the congregation are invited to order poinsettias or contribute to the flower fund to help provide flowers throughout the church year. Contributions provide an opportunity to also honor or memorialize loved ones in the Holiday Orders of Service. This year, Bloomer's Florist here in Worcester will be providing our holiday flowers. Cost is \$25.00 for a regular sized pot, or \$35.00 for a large size. Flowers come in Red, White or Pink. To order poinsettias, go to <http://www.uucworchester.org/2018-11-20-poinsettia-project/>. Deadline for orders is Nov. 27.

Unison Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice for all who are here, and all who are not; for all who have ever walked through our doors, for those who may yet find this spiritual home, and for those we can't even yet imagine. For each of us and for us all, may this flame burn warm and bright.

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!!!

Our Guest Speaker Today – Ken Wagner

Ken Wagner is former president of the Clara Barton District of the Unitarian Universalist Association and served for a while as the president of the District Presidents' Association. He currently serves on the UUA's Nominating Committee and was one of the founding members of the New England Region's Antiracism/Anti-oppression/Multicultural Transformation team called GRACE. He has also served for the last nine years on the Executive Steering Committee of the Allies for Racial Equity. For Ken's complete biography please see our website at <http://www.uucworchester.org/event/event-sunday-service-2018-11-25/>.



Upcoming Events:

Please see most recent UUCW Message or our website for more info on these events:
December 1 - Annual Craft Fair, Basket Raffle, & IHN Wreath Sale
December 8 - Women's Social Circle
December 8 - Young Adult Mash-Up
Please see other side for holiday service information.

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.

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