



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, May 14, 2023

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Gavotte in C. Minor* Coraline S., Cellist
 by J.S. Bach

Chalice Lighting *Open to Unexpected Answers*
 by Julianne Lepp

Welcome & Opening Introduction

Robin Mitzcavitch, Director of Religious Exploration & Education

8th Principle Moment Ziehal Stephenson-Sweeney

Reflection I Vickie Cox- Lanyon

* **Opening Hymn #1003 Where Do We Come From**

Reflection II Marieca Davieau

Reflection III Pauline Courchesne

Offertory *Dear Theodosia* Andrea Cruz, Soprano
 by Lin-Manuel Miranda (from *Hamilton*)

(Newcomers: please accept this service as our gift to you.

Do not feel obligated to participate in the offering at this time.)

Reflection IV Sean Reynolds

Reflection V Ana Gregory

Joys & Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Aaron Payson

Choral Meditation *Sea Mother's Song* by Thomas Bejamin

Reflection VI Ryan Wallace

Reflection VII Sheri Linn

Musical Meditation *One Voice* by The Wailin' Jennys

Responsive Reading *Our Common Journeys*

Closing Words Rev. Aaron Payson

Benediction *With Love As My Guide* by Cindy Terlazzo

Postlude *Lullabye* by Johannes Brahms

* Please stand in body or in spirit

SERVICE NOTES

*Thanks to this morning's
Volunteers:*

Worship Associates:

In Person Audio Team:

Betty Jenewin, Paul Marr,
Chris Ryan, & Frank Sweetser

Facebook Moderator:

Sue Neaz

Church Photographer:

Betty Jenewin

Greeter & Connection Team:

Maya Desai & Rachel Keyo

Visit a Connections Team Member
at the Welcome Table for more
information about 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

Sunday, May 21

Worship Arts Sunday

Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Sunday, May 28

Memorial Day Sunday

When Will the Fighting Cease?

Sunday, June 4

Heritage Sunday

Annual Meeting Sunday

Sunday, June 11

Religious Exploration Sunday

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.

UUCW Activity Calendar ~ May 14 - 21

Sunday, May 14 - Multi-Platform Worship and RE Classes at 10 am

Monday, May 15

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Board of Management

Meeting Room 1

Thursday, May 18

10 am - 3 pm

UUMA CBD Meeting

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 20

3 - 5 pm

Whitney Memorial

Sanc/Fell. Hall

Sunday, May 21 - Multi-Platform Worship and RE Classes at 10 am

1:30 - 5:30 pm

Social Threads

Fellowship Hall

Please visit the Church Calendar for more events by going to the website at www.uucworcester.org, scrolling to the bottom and clicking the Church Calendar icon on the left, or scan the QR box with your smartphone!



Responsive Reading - Our Common Journeys

We give thanks for your presence among us today.

You are examples of courage and perseverance.

We give thanks for the stories you have collected.

By sharing your stories, you help shape ours.

We are grateful for the gift of our lives and the gift of community.

Each of us is created with dignity and worth.

We are called to love one another and ourselves.

We honor the ways that you are walking your path.

Our common life is enriched by knowing you.

Thank you for allowing us to learn more about you.

Our interconnectedness is a sacred thing.

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.

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!

OFFICE INFORMATION

Office Hours : In person: M, W: 9 am - 3 pm; Th: 9 am - 2 pm; by phone (508-853-1942 ext 102) and email (office@uucworcester.org) only on Tuesdays. Please see Message for changes in office hours based on medical needs.

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.

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UUCW Events/Community Groups

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 9 - 9:30 am & 12:15 - 12:45 pm

Evening Book Club

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

Get Out The Vote Team

2nd Thurs, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Zoom

Knitting Group

Every other Wednesday, 7 - 9 pm, MR3

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Setup

3rd Fri, 4 - 10 pm, Fell Hall

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3rd Sat, 9 am - noon, Fell Hall

Lunch With the Minister

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

Men's Group

4th Fri, 7 pm, Meeting Room 1

Monday Meditation Group

9:30 - 11:30 am, Zoom

Side With Love Task Force

1st & 3rd Tues, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Zoom

Staff Meeting

Mon, 10 am - noon, Meeting Room 1

Women's Social Circle

2nd & 4th Sat, Fellowship Hall/Off-Site

Al-Anon Adult Children of Alcoholics

Thurs., 7:30 pm, Meeting Room 1

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Fri., 8 pm, Lounge

Debtors Anonymous (DA)

Tues., 7 pm, Meeting Room 1

Greater Worc. Humanists

2nd Tues, 6:30 pm F.Hall

League of Women Voters Board

2nd Mon, 5:30-7:30 pm, Fell. Hall

ONE Worcester

3rd Wed, 6 - 8 pm, Mtg Rm 1

Overeaters Anonymous

Sat., 7:30 am, Meeting Room 1

REC Farmer's Market (June - Dec)

Thurs, 10:30 -11:30 am, Front Lot/FH

WGLN Rainbow Lunch

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

Worcester Community Drum Circle

4th Fri, 7 - 9 pm, FH

THE OFFERING LAST WEEK

Sunday, May 7 pledges	= \$1,645.00
FY2023 Pledges to date	= \$151,800.06
Budgeted FY2023 Pledges to date	= \$155,488.10

Sunday, May 7 offering	= \$193.00
FY2023 offering to date	= \$10,255.53
Budgeted FY2023 offering to date	= \$7,266.67

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION & EDUCATION

Religious Education: 10 - 11:15 am, Youth Group: 6 - 8 pm, For information on UUCW RE programs, please email the RE program at uucwre@gmail.com