ORDER of SERVICE
for Sunday, January 11, 2026

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Bare Trees* by Doug Hammer
Matthew Johnsen, Music Director & Pianist

Chalice Lighting *The Sacred Rhythm* by Anon.

Introit *Japanese Bowl* by Peter Mayer

Welcome

Opening Words *Sabbath Economics* by Anon. Andew Wilkin

❋ **Opening Hymn #1017** *We Are Building A New Way*

Change for Change Collection

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

8th Principle Moment Mara Pentlarge, 8th Prin. Team

Reflection *On Social Debts & Common Goods*
Rev. Aaron Payson

Offertory *Anniversary Song* by Clif Hardin
(Newcomers: please accept this service as our gift to you.
Do not feel obligated to participate in the offering at this time.)

Joys & Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Reading *Life is Not Earned* by Anon.

❋ **Closing Hymn #1028** *Fire of Commitment*

Benediction

Postlude *Commencement* by Matthew Johnsen

❋ 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

Worship Associates:
Andrew Wilkin

Audio-Visual Team:
Betty Jenewin, Paul Marr, & Frank Sweetser

Online Hospitality:
Dawn Doud & Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Church Photographer:
Betty Jenewin

Greeter & Connection Team:
Vicky Biancolo & Maya Desai

Fellowship Hour Sponsor:
Soup Sunday with Kristen Payson & Catherine Roberts

Visit a Connections Team Member at the Welcome Table during fellowship hour 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
Unless otherwise noted,
Rev. Aaron Payson, Preaching

Sunday, January 18
For Love of Justice & Humanity

Sunday, January 25
Guest Minister
Rev. Alice Anacheka-Nasemen

Sunday, February 1
Setting the World Aflame

Sunday, February 8
Beyond Enlightenment

FELLOWSHIP INFO

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

Please join us after the service today in Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation!

UUCW Activity Calendar ~ January 11 - 18

Sunday, January 11- Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

11:45 am - 1:15 pm	COA Class	Lounge
Noon - 12:30 pm	Women's Weekend Mtg	Meeting Room 1
1:30 - 5 pm	Social Threads	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday January 13

7 - 8 pm	Conn. Team Meet & Greet	Lounge

Wednesday January 14

Noon - 1:30 pm	Worc. Interfaith Clergy	Lounge

Friday, January 16

10 - 11:30 am	Investment Committee	Meeting Room 1

Saturday, January 17

1 - 3 pm	Worcester Indivisible	Fellowship Hall

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Please visit the Church Calendar for more events by going to the website at www.uucworcester.org, or scan the QR code!

Religious Exploration & Education

10 - 11:15 am; *Youth Group*: 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, all meetings on Sunday. For information on UUCW RE programs, please email the RE program at uucwre@gmail.com

UUCW News & Announcements

For the most up to date UUCW News, please scan the QR Code with your phone to visit the church website at www.uucworcester.org!

Office Information

Office Hours: Office Hours are Monday and Wednesday 9 am – 3 pm; Thursday 9 am – 2 pm. Jen works from home on Tuesdays from 9 am – 3 pm. She is available by phone (508-853-1942 ext 102) and email (office@uucworcester.org) from 9 am - 3 pm on Tuesdays, unless she is handing family medical needs.

Worship Archive

If you missed last week's service or want to revisit a service from this year or last? Visit the UUCW Worship Archive at https://www.uucworcester.org/sunday-morning-worship/service-archive/! Each week we post the service from the previous Sunday to grow our archive of service experiences. These services are also available on the UUCW YouTube Channel.

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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Regularly Scheduled UUCW Events/ Community Groups

Addressing Racism Group
E/O Tues., 10 am - noon, Meeting Room 2
UUCW Bell Ensemble
Monday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Sanctuary
Board of Management Meeting
3rd Monday, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Mtg. Room 1
Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 9 - 9:30 am, Sanctuary
Evening Book Club
2nd Wed, 7 - 8:30 pm, Lounge
Fiber Arts Group
Wed, 7 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Get Out The Vote Team Zoom
2nd Thurs, 6:15 - 7:15 pm, Zoom
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Setup
3rd Thursday, 4 - 10 pm, FH &
3rd Fri, 8 am - 10 pm, Fellowship Hall
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
3rd Sat, 9 am - noon, Fellowship Hall
Lunch With the Minister
1st Wed, Noon-1:15 pm, Fellowship Hall
UUCW Peace Vigil (on winter break)
2nd & 4th Wed, 6 - 7 pm, UUCW Peace Pole
Side With Love Task Force
1st & 3rd Tues, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Zoom
Staff Meeting
Mon, 10 am - noon, Meeting Room 1
UUCW Game Night
1st Fri, 6 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Women's Social Circle
2nd & 4th Sat, Fellowship Hall/Off-site

Community & Support Groups:
Al-Anon Adult Children (ACOA)
Thurs., 7:30 pm, Meeting Room 1
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
Fri., 8 pm, Lounge
Debtors Anonymous (DA)
Tues., 7 pm, Meeting Room 1
NAMI Support Group
1st Tues., 6:30 pm, Lounge
Overeaters Anonymous
Sat., 7:30 am, Meeting Room 1
Rainbow Explorers Group
Mon, noon - 4 pm, Fellowship Hall
WGLN/ESW Rainbow Lunch/Supper Group
2nd/4th Wed, 12-2 pm/1st Wed, 4:30-6, FH
Worcester Community Drum Circle
4th Sat, 7 - 9 pm, FH

The Offering - Sunday January 4

Sunday, January 4 pledges	= $5,245
FY2026 Pledges to date	= $117,848
Budgeted FY2026 Pledges	= $211,570
% of way towards Budget Goal	56%
Sunday, January 4 offering	= $222
FY2026 offering to date	= $9,055
Budgeted FY2026 offering	= $10,000
% of way towards Budget Goal	91%
Sunday, January 4 Change for Change	= $41
Sunday, January 4 Coffee Hour	= $23

Responsive Reading *Life is Not Earned* words by Anon.

In a world that urges us to hurry, to hoard, to measure our worth in what we produce—
We pause and remember that life is not earned. Life is given.

Sabbath invites us to loosen our grip on scarcity, to release the myth that we stand alone.
We choose a different story: that there is enough when we share,
enough when we rest, enough when we care for one another.

Let us honor the sacred rhythm of work and rest, giving and receiving, tending and being tended.
We reclaim our time, our breath, our belonging.

May this sabbath practice open our hands and widen our circle.
May we build an economy of compassion, where all can flourish.

Let us be filled with gratitude for the abundance already here.
And with the courage to shape a world where everyone has
enough, and everyone has time to rest.