



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, March 1, 2026

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *For Good* by Stephen Schwartz
Matthew Johnsen, Music Director

Chalice Lighting *Changed For Good* Moira Rouse

* Opening Hymn #347 *Gather the Spirit*

Welcome Ana Gregory

Opening Words *There's No Place Like Home* David Schowalter

Song *No Place Like Home* by Stephen Schwartz

Testimonial Karen Stephenson

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.

CoRR Moment

Reflection *For Good, Be Good* Rev. Aaron Payson

Offertory *Put A Little Love in Your Heart* by Jackie Deshannon
(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

Musical Meditation *Improvisation* by Matthew Johnsen

Testimonial Laura Lenahan

The 2026 Pledge Season David Schowalter

* Closing Hymn #1008 *When Our Heart Is In A Holy Place*

Benediction

Postlude *Somewhere Over The Rainbow* by H. Arlen & Y. Harburg

* Please stand in body or in spirit

SERVICE NOTES

Our thanks to these volunteers

Worship Associates:

Ana Gregory & Stewardship
Team: Moira Rouse & David
Schowalter

Audio-Visual Team:

Betty Jenewin, Paul Marr,
& Frank Sweetser

Online Hospitality:

Dawn Doud &
Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Church Photographer:

Betty Jenewin

Greeter & Connection Team:

Maya Desai &
Mary Paradiso

Fellowship Hour Sponsor:

Board of Management

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, March 8

As We Give, We Gain
International Women's Day

Sunday, March 15

Blessed Are The Mistaken

Sunday, March 22

Youth Group Sunday

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday
What The Donkey Knows

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!

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!

UUCW Activity Calendar ~ February 26 - March 8

Sunday, March 1 -Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

11:45 am - 1:15 pm COA Class Lounge
1:30 - 5 pm Social Threads Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 4

6:15 - 7 pm Knit W Cheryl Meeting Room 3

Saturday, March 7

7 - 9:30 pm Cool Beans Coffee House Sanctuary/FH

Sunday, March 8 -Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

1:30 - 5:30 pm MCAN Meeting Meeting Room 1

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



UUCW Spring 2026 Online Auction Fundraiser – Donations Needed! We are excited to offer a spring online auction to benefit the work of UUCW. The auction will be tied into our March 7th COOL BEANS COFFEE HOUSE and will run March 7th - 14th. If you can assist us by asking your favorite place of business for a gift card donation or to offer a service or experience that you can provide yourself, we can generate a wonderful auction platform for the entire community to enjoy! Please scan the QR Code to let us know how you can help!



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

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.uucworchester.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@uucworchester.org) from 9 am - 3 pm on Tuesdays, unless she is handling family medical needs.

Office Hours Change: The church office will be closed on Wednesday March 4.

Why does the Order of Service look different? As we get closer to the discontinuation of Publisher, the software we have used to put the Order of Service together for many years, we will be trying some new programs and fonts to see what works best. If you have trouble reading it, please let Jen know at office@uucworchester.org!

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.uucworchester.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.

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

2nd 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, 6:30 - 7:30 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/ESWA Rainbow Lunch Club

2nd, 3rd & 4th Wed, 12-1:30 pm

Worcester Community Drum Circle

4th Sat, 7 - 9 pm, FH

THE OFFERING THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Sunday, February 22 pledges = \$740
FY2026 Pledges to date = \$141,301
Budgeted FY2026 Pledges = \$211,570
% of way towards Budget Goal 67%

Sunday, February 22 offering = \$270
FY2026 offering to date = \$11,142
Budgeted FY2026 offering = \$10,000
% of way towards Budget Goal 111%

Sunday, February 22 Change for Change = \$65
Sunday, February 22 Coffee Hour = \$5

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