ORDER of SERVICE
for Sunday, March 2, 2025

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Shower the People* by James Taylor

Chalice Lighting Excerpt from *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau — Moira Rouse

Introit *Love Will Guide My Way* by Joe Jencks

Welcome — Moira Rouse

Opening Words Quote from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

❋ **Opening Hymn #159** *This Is My Song*

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.

Stewardship Moment — David Schowalter with Matt Bejune, Testimonial

Reflection *The Middle Path* — Joe Jencks

Offertory *How Can I Keep From Singing* Trad, arr. Joe Jencks

(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 *Let It Breathe* by Joe Jencks

Litany

Closing Words *Where the Mind is Free* by Rabindranath Tagore

❋ **Closing Hymn** *Get Together* by Chet Powers

Benediction *I Wish You Peace* by Joe Jencks

❋ 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: Moira Rouse

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

Online Hospitality: Dawn Doud & Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Church Photographer: Betty Jenewin

Greeter & Connection Team: Maya Desai & Andrew Wilkin

Fellowship Hour Sponsor: All of us!

Guest Speaker & Musician Joe Jencks:

We are pleased to welcome Joe Jencks to our service this morning! Joe is an international touring musician, award-winning songwriter, and celebrated vocalist known for his performances of musical beauty, social consciousness and spiritual exploration. Today, Joe will weave together spoken word and music to invite us on The Middle Path.

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

Sunday, March 9
International Women's Day Service
Joan McGinn & others

Sunday, March 16
Annual Music Sunday
Music Director Matthew Johnsen

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 ~ March 2 - 9

Sunday, March 2 - Multi-Platform Worship & RE at 10 am
Friday, March 7

10 - 11:30 am	Investment Committee	Meeting Room 2

Sunday, March 9 - Multi-Platform Worship & RE at 10 am

1 - 5 pm	Social Threads	Fellowship Hall

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

Opening Words

One of the great liabilities of history is that all too many people fail to remain awake through great periods of social change. Every society has its protectors of status quo and its fraternities of the indifferent who are notorious for sleeping through revolutions. Today, our very survival depends on our ability to stay awake, to adjust to new ideas, to remain vigilant and to face the challenge of change. ~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Closing Words *Where The Mind is Free* by Rabindranath Tagore

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;
Where knowledge is free;
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;
Where words come out from the depth of truth;
Where tireless striving stretches its arms toward perfection;
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;
Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action -
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

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 Fri, 10 am - noon, Meeting Room 2
Bell Choir
Monday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Sanctuary
COA-Adults Small Group
E/O Wed, 6 - 8 pm, Lounge
Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 9 - 9:30 am & 12:15 - 12:45 pm
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
2nd Thurs, 6:15 - 7:15 pm, Zoom
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Setup
3rd Fri, 4 - 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
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
"Betty Machete" Women's Ukulele Group
E/O Mon, 7 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Co-dependents Anonymous (CODA)
Mon, 7 - 8:30, Meeting Room 3
Debtors Anonymous (DA)
Tues., 7 pm, Meeting Room 1
NAMI Support Group
1st & 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm, Lounge
ONE Worcester
3rd Wed, 6 - 8 pm, Mtg Rm 1
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

Religious Exploration & Education

Religious Education: 10 - 11:15 am; *Youth Group*: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6 - 8 pm, Fellowship Hall
For information on UUCW RE programs, please email the RE program at uucwre@gmail.com