



# ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, February 26, 2023

*Believing in a community that unites all people*

## Pre-Service Quiet

**Prelude** *Reverie* Music Dir. Matthew Johnsen  
by C. Debussy

**Chalice Lighting** Rev. David Miller, Minister Emeritus

**Choral Introit** *Quiet, Holy Place* UUCW Choir

## Welcome

## Opening Words

✧ **Opening Hymn #347** *Gather the Spirit*

## 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.

**First Reading** *When Abraham Went Out from Ur*  
from Genesis 11:27-12:8

**Offertory** *First Gymnopedie* by Erik Satie  
(Newcomers: please accept this service as our gift to you.  
Do not feel obligated to participate in the offering at this time.)

**Second Reading** *When Abraham Went Out from Ur*  
by Nancy Byrd Turner

## Joys & Sorrows

## Pastoral Prayer

**Musical Meditation** *Second Gymnopedie* by Erik Satie

**Reflection** *When Abraham Went Out from Ur:* Rev. David Miller  
*Seeking the Promise in the Unknown*

✧ **Closing Hymn #344** *A Promise Through the Ages Rings*

## Benediction

**Choral Postlude** *Go Your Way in Peace*  
by Jim Scott/WA Mozart

✧ 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

*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:

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, March 5

Stewardship Sunday  
*Building Beloved Community*  
UUCW Stewardship Team

## 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 ~ February 26 - March 5

### Sunday, February 26 - Multi-Platform Worship and RE Classes at 10 am

11:15 - 1 pm	Special Cong. Mtg	Sanctuary
11:45 am - 12:45 pm	Teen OWL	Lounge, MR 1,2,3

### Tuesday, February 28

7 - 9 pm	Good Trouble Celebration	Fellowship Hall
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### Wednesday, March 1

7 - 8:30 pm	Knitting Group (1st Mtg)	Meeting Room 3
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### Friday, March 3

11 am - 3 pm	Social Threads	Fellowship Hall
11 am - 1 pm	Pastoral Care Team	Meeting Room 3

### Sunday, March 5 - Multi-Platform Worship and RE Classes at 10 am

11:45 am - 12:45 pm	Teen OWL	Lounge, MR 1,2,3
noon - 1:30 pm	Women's History Wksp	Fellowship Hall

Please visit the Church Calendar for more events by going to the website at [www.uucworchester.org](http://www.uucworchester.org), scrolling to the bottom and clicking the Church Calendar icon on the left, or scan the QR box with your smartphone!



### From the Board -

#### Notice of Special Congregational Meeting - February 26, 2023

Notice Pursuant to the by-laws of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester, a Special Meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester (UUCW) will take place following the service at 11:15 a.m., Sunday, February 26th, 2023 on Zoom and in-person. (please see most recent Message for Zoom link)

The meeting is open to all. However, voting is restricted to members of record of the UUCW. This is an important event in the ongoing business and life of our congregation and reflects the principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large.

During this meeting we will vote on the following proposal from the Board of Management:

- Spending monies (not to exceed \$42,000) from the sale of land to the City of Worcester in order to purchase and install a new outdoor sign for the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Bejune, Clerk

Board of Management, Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester

#### 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@uucworchester.org](mailto:office@uucworchester.org)) only on Tuesdays. Please see Message for changes in office hours based on Jen's father's 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.

### Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester

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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 (starts March 1, 2023)

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, Off-Site/Zoom

### 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

### THE OFFERING LAST WEEK

<i>Sunday, Feb. 19 pledges</i>	= \$1,050.00
<i>FY2023 Pledges to date</i>	= \$107,208.82
<i>Budgeted FY2023 Pledges to date</i>	= \$117,531.49
<i>Sunday, Feb 19 offering</i>	= \$177.00
<i>FY2023 offering to date</i>	= \$6,747.89
<i>Budgeted FY2023 offering to date</i>	= \$5,266.67

### 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](mailto: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.

