



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, April 30, 2023

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Andante, Sonatina* by Franz Schubert
JaganNath Khalsa, Violin, & Music Dir. Matthew Johnsen, Piano

Chalice Lighting *Colors & Images* by Vijaya Sundaram

Solo *Cups* by Rick Rubin George & Theo Bejune

Welcome & Opening Words

Reading *Listening* by Rick Rubin

* **Opening Hymn #1009** *Meditation on Breathing*

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.

Responsive Reading *Every Nest* by Rick Rubin

Music *If I can keep one heart from breaking*
by Emily Dickinson and Pepper Choplin

Reading *Returning from a deep sleep* by Matt Johnsen

Offertory *Amazing Grace Improvisation*
Matt Johnsen, JaganNath Khalsa, Rachel Wagner, Matt Bejune
(Newcomers: please accept this service as our gift to you.
Do not feel obligated to participate in the offering at this time.)

Reading *Point of View* by Rick Rubin

Joys & Sorrows & Pastoral Prayer

Reading *Cooperation* by Rick Rubin

Musical Meditation *An die sturm* by Franz Schubert
Matt Johnsen, Rachel Wagner, Matt Bejune

Reflection *The Creative Act: A Way of Being* Matthew Johnsen

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:

Linda Morse & Maya Desai

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 7

*Our Second Nature:
On Creative Being*

Mother's Day Sunday, May 14

*Insights from the
Hill Top and Wilderness*

Sunday, May 21

*Worship Arts Sunday
Rev. Cheryl Leshay*

Sunday, May 28

*Memorial Day Sunday
When Will The Fighting Cease?*

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.

Litany #648 *Beginners*

* Closing Hymn	<i>Creative Mind</i> Matt Bejune, Rachel Wagner, Choir, Matt Johnsen and JaganNath Khalsa - Congregation joins on Verses 3-5
Closing Words	<i>Created for Joy</i> by Hafiz
Postlude	<i>Love is Love is love is love/ Canon in D Pachelbel and Abby Betinus</i> Choir, JaganNath Khalsa (Violin), Matt Bejune (French Horn)

* Please stand in body or in spirit

Every Nest (Responsive Reading)

Every nest. Every peach, every raindrop, and every great work is different. Some trees may appear to make more beautiful fruits than others, and some humans may appear to compose greater works than others. The taste and beauty are in the eye of the beholder.

How does the cloud know when to rain? How does the tree know when spring begins? How does the bird know when it's time to build a new nest?

To everything
There is a season

And a time to every purpose under heaven
A time to be born, a time to die

A time to plant, a time to reap
A time to kill, a time to heal

A time to laugh, a time to weep
A time to build up, a time to break down

A time to dance, a time to mourn
A time to cast away stones
A time to gather stones together

These rhythms are not set by us. We are all participating in a larger creative act we are not conducting. We are being conducted. The artist is on a cosmic timetable, just like all of nature.

Creative Mind (Closing Hymn)

Creative Mind, Blessed companion,
I hear your voice when I arise.
Help me to hear, midst pain and struggle,
Help me find words that give me a choice.

You are within us a constant presence,
Somehow equipped with what we need.
If we but listen, turn our ears inward,
Our hearts respond, provide the seed.

Creative mind, blessed companion,
We hear your voice, when we arise.
Help us to hear, midst calm and beauty,
Help us find peace, and our hands a voice.

Our world a wonder, filled with delight
Color and sound, and taste and love,
The world within us, a constant presence,
Somehow equipped by powers above.

Creative mind, blessed companion,
show us your voice, when we arise.
May you still guide us, may you still guard us
Throughout our long and creative lives.

UUCW Activity Calendar ~ April 30 - May 7

Sunday, April 30 - Multi-Platform Worship and RE Classes at 10 am		
1:30 - 5:30 pm	Social Threads	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, May 3		
Noon - 1:30 pm	Lunch w/the Minister	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, May 4		
Noon - 3 pm	Private Rental	Fellowship Hall
Friday, May 5		
11 am - 3 pm	Social Threads	Fellowship Hall
6 - 8:30 pm	UUCW Game Night	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, May 6		
1:30 - 4:30 pm	Private Rental	Lounge
Sunday, May 7 - Multi-Platform Worship and RE Classes at 10 am		

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!



Save the Dates! Ferry Beach Weekend Registration time is here! – September 15 – 17, 2023 IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR FERRY BEACH!! Mark your calendars now! Please visit the church website or see the most recent Message for more info and registration link. NEW FOR THIS YEAR!! We are sharing with North Parish North Andover. Approached by their coordinators, we drew them in so that they can enjoy a Ferry Beach Weekend like the rest of us. I met their coordinators and it's gonna be a great fit and a fun weekend! WHAT THAT MEANS: Is that you cannot hesitate in registering particularly if you have a specific room or campsite in mind!

Note: The registration costs posted include the costs for one adult's food. Bear that in mind (as it threw me for a tiny loop). Prices include dorm style accommodations, 4 meals, and activities. Camping is also available! We hope you'll join us this year! Reach out to Ferry Beach directly with registration questions or to me with weekend questions.

~Maya Desai – Ferry Beach Coordinator ferrybeach@uucworcester.org

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, April 23 pledges = \$113.00

FY2023 Pledges to date = \$145,879.23

Budgeted FY2023 Pledges to date = \$148,623.11

Sunday, April 23 offering = \$215.00

FY2023 offering to date = \$9,909.28

Budgeted FY2023 offering to date = \$6,906.67

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