ORDER of SERVICE
for Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* UUCW Bell Ensemble

Chalice Lighting words by Rev. Michelle Collins

Sung Response *Hold On*

Welcome

Choral Introit *My Lord, What A Morning* UUCW Choir
arr. Burleigh

Opening Words words by A. Payson Dianne Mann

❋ **Opening Hymn #269** *Lo, The Day of Days Is Here*

Change for Change Collection

Story For Children of All Ages

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

Reflection *The Afterlife of Love* Rev. Aaron Payson

Offertory *Why We* by Max Bergstrom
(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 *Psalm 23* by Robert McFerrin UUCW Choir

Responsive Reading #628 *Rolling Away The Stone*

❋ **Closing Hymn #34** *Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire*

Benediction

Postlude *Improvisation on Waly Waly*
Music Director 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:
Dianne Mann

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:
8th Principle Team

We extend our gratitude to Nancy Baffa who created the beautiful spring altar display this Sunday.

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, April 12
Remembering As Resistance

Sunday, April 19
Worship Arts Sunday
Details to be Announced

Sunday, April 26
When the Ending is Just the Beginning

Sunday, May 3
New Member Sunday
Fear & Prophetic Possibility

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 ~ April 5 - 12

Sunday, April 5 -Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

Friday, April 10

5 - 7 pm	Rainbow Expl. Donations	Meeting Room 3

Saturday, April 11

10 -11:30 am	Buildings & Grounds	Meeting Room 1
12:30 - 3:30 pm	Worcester Indivisible	Fellowship Hall
1:30 - 5:30 pm	MCAN Meeting	Meeting Room 1
6 - 8 pm	All Church Potluck	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 5 -Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

11:45 am - 1:15 pm	COA Class	Lounge
1 - 5 pm	Social Threads	Fellowship Hall
7 - 8:30 pm	New UU Online Class	Online

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

All Church Potluck - Saturday, April 11 at 6 pm

Join us at the Spring Potluck Dinner!
RSVP so we know how many chairs to put out by scanning the QR code or visiting the church website! Bring a dish and spend time with friends old and new!



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
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
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 (2nd Tues in March 2026)
Overeaters Anonymous
Sat., 7:30 am, Meeting Room 1
Rainbow Explorers Group
Mon, 4:15 - 6:30 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, March 29

Sunday, March 29 pledges	= $1,570
FY2026 Pledges to date	= $155,513
Budgeted FY2026 Pledges	= $211,570
% of way towards Budget Goal	74%
Sunday, March 29 offering	= $199
FY2026 offering to date	= $12,510
Budgeted FY2026 offering	= $10,000
% of way towards Budget Goal	125%
Sunday, March 29 Change for Change	= $66
Sunday, March 29 Coffee Hour	= $0