ORDER of SERVICE *for* Sunday, February 15, 2026

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Give Yourself To Love* by Kate Wolf
David Schowalter, Solo & Guitar

Chalice Lighting #443 *We Arrive Out Of Many Rooms*
Beckley Schowalter

Gift of Fellowship

Choral Introit *Hold On* by Heidi Wilson
Matthew Johnsen, Song Leader

Welcome

Reading *What Is The Singing Revolution?*
Dianne Mann

❋ **Opening Hymn #170** *Gentle, Angry People*

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.

Reading *Principles/Values* Ken Basye

Offertory *Be The Change* Adapted from words of Ghandi
Moira Rouse, Song Leader

(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 Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Reading *January 26, 2026* by Matthew Johnsen

Hymn *We Sing For Peace* by Matthew Johnsen

Congregational Song *We Belong to Each Other* by Annie Schlaefer

Congregational Song *We Shall Not Be Moved*

❋ **Closing Hymn** *Oh God of Love, This Is A Time Of Turning*

Benediction *Cutting loose* by William Stafford
Who has need, I stand with you by Alberto Rios

Congregational Postlude *We Shall Overcome*
by Pete Seeger & Guy Carawan

❋ 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:
UUCW Choir, David & Beckley Schowalter, Dianne Mann, Moira Rouse, Ken Basye, Rev. Cheryl Leshay

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 & Andrew Wilkin

Fellowship Hour Sponsor:
Side With Love Team

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, February 22
Wishing For More & Wanting Less

Sunday, March 1
Stewardship Sunday

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 ~ February 15 - 22

Sunday, February 15 -Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

1:30 - 5 pm	Social Threads	Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 20

5:30 - 9:30 pm	Men's Group Movie Night	Lounge

Sunday, February 22 -Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

Noon - 1:30 pm	Activist Reading Group	Lounge
Noon - 1:30 pm	Financial Info Session	Meeting Room 1

Please visit the Church Calendar for more events by going to the website at www.uucworcester.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 February 28th – March 7th. 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 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.

Office Hours Change: The church office will be closed on Wednesday, February 25 while Jen assists her father with medical needs.

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@uucworcester.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.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 (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 8

Sunday, February 8 pledges	= $3,180
FY2026 Pledges to date	= $138,004
Budgeted FY2026 Pledges	= $211,570
% of way towards Budget Goal	65%
Sunday, February 8 offering	= $189
FY2026 offering to date	= $10,675
Budgeted FY2026 offering	= $10,000
% of way towards Budget Goal	107%
Sunday, February 8 Change for Change	= $59
Sunday, February 8 Coffee Hour	= $8

Closing Hymn *Oh God Of Love, This Is A Time of Turning* (Finlandia/Be Still My Soul tune by Jean Sebelius 1899, words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette 2026)

O God of love, this is a time of turning —
a time of change, with conflict in the news.
For in our land, some mighty winds are churning;
There's much at stake that we could gain or lose.
Love sings out strong, yet fires of hate are burning;
O God of all, you call us all to choose.

O God of peace, we hear your gracious promise:
Your love can heal the hearts of humankind.
May we stand firm for truth and peace and justice;
May we leave fear and hatred far behind.
May we sing out, and — singing — be a witness,
and show resolve to work for what is kind.

O God of all, of immigrant and neighbor,
of those in power — and of the refugee,
You give us all our common life and labor —
our common hope, the peace we long to see.
God, may we turn and be made strong together.
May we seek justice, love and unity.

O God of love, have mercy on your churches;
Take from our hearts our paralyzing fear.
Give us new faith! Make us courageous workers.
Help us to labor on from year to year
When other voices call out to distract us,
May we choose well and seek your kingdom here.