



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, November 23, 2025

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude

A.D. MDCXX by Edward MacDowell
Nelly M. Case, Organist

Chalice Lighting *The Chalice of Our Being* by Rev. Richard Gilbert

Introit *Now Thank We All Our God* by Wilbur Held

Welcome

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.

Opening Words *For What Shall We Give Thanks?*
by Rev. Dr. Laura Horton-Ludwig

✱ **Opening Hymn #68** *Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

Reflection *A New Narrative of Thanks* Rev. Aaron Payson

Offertory *The Ash Grove* by Wilbur Held
(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

Responsive Reading #515 *We Lift Up Our Hearts in Thanks*

✱ **Closing Hymn #67** *We Sing Now Together*

Benediction words (abbreviated) from *The Honorable Harvest*
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Postlude *Nun Danket Alle Gott* by Sigfried Karg-Elert

✱ Please stand in body or in spirit

SERVICE NOTES

Our thanks to these volunteers
Worship Associates:

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:

Vickie Cox-Lanyon
& Ana Gregory

Fellowship Hour Sponsor:

UUCW Book Club

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 November 30

Thoughts on Waiting

Sunday December 7

Bodhi Day Sunday
Don't Just Do Something Sit There

Sunday, December 14

Wading Through The Rubble

Holiday Service Information
Coming Soon!

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!

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!

UUCW Activity Calendar ~ November 23 - 30

Sunday, November 23 - Multi-Platform Worship at 10 am
Noon - 3 pm 8th Principle Team Lounge

Thursday November 27 - Thanksgiving Day, Office is closed

Sunday, November 30 - Multi-Platform Worship at 10 am

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



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair – Sat. Dec 6 from 10am -3pm – Help Needed!

We are excited for our annual craft fair on Saturday December 6th. Spots are all full- now all we need are lots of visitors to shop, shop, shop. Please share this with everyone you know. Can you help out on the day of the fair? We need people to work at the door, the snack bar, help with setup and break down and donate snack bar food items. Please let us know if you want to help! uucwholidayfair@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.uucworchester.org!



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

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 to accommodate office access needs for other staff. She is available by phone (508-853-1942 ext 102) and email (office@uucworchester.org) as usual on Tuesdays, unless she is handling 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.uucworchester.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

3rd 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, 6:15 - 7:15 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

"Betty Machete" Women's Ukulele Group

E/O Mon, 7 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

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/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

THE OFFERING - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16

<i>Sunday, November 16 pledges</i>	= \$3,532
<i>FY2026 Pledges to date</i>	= \$69,128
<i>Budgeted FY2026 Pledges</i>	= \$211,570
<i>% of way towards Budget Goal</i>	33%

<i>Sunday, November 16 offering</i>	= \$408
<i>FY2026 offering to date</i>	= \$5,684
<i>Budgeted FY2026 offering</i>	= \$10,000
<i>% of way towards Budget Goal</i>	57%

<i>Sunday, November 16 Change for Change</i>	= \$52
<i>Sunday, November 16 Coffee Hour</i>	= \$10