



# ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, September 21, 2025

*Believing in a community that unites all people*

## Pre-Service Quiet

**Prelude** *La Cathédrale Engloutie* by Claude Debussy  
Music Director Matthew Johnsen

**Chalice Lighting** words by Rev. Michelle Collins

**Choral Introit** *This is the House that We Built*  
UUCW Choir

**Welcome** Josh Belden

**Opening Words** by Rev. Hope Johnson

✧ **Opening Hymn #216** *Hashiveinu*

**Change for Change Collection**

**Religious Exploration Sending Arch**

**Reflection** *Of Faith and Fortune* Rev. Aaron Payson

**50/50 Collection** Beth Posner-Waldron,  
UUCW Get Out The Vote Team

**Offertory** *Streams* by Johannes Bornlöf  
(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** *Improvisation* by Matthew Johnsen

**Responsive Reading #652** The Great End to Religious Instruction

✧ **Closing Hymn #1032** *Daoona Naeesh*

**Benediction** words by Rev. Dr. David Breeden

**Postlude** *Promise Made on Signal Mountain*  
by Chad Lawson

✧ Please stand in body or in spirit

## SERVICE NOTES

*Our thanks to these volunteers*  
**Worship Associates:**

Josh Belden  
& Beth Posner Waldron

**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:**

Nancy Baffa and Andrew Wilkin

**Fellowship Hour Sponsor:**

Get Out The Vote 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, September 28**

Homecoming Sunday  
*Carefilled Consumption*

**Sunday, October 5**

*The Three R's of Tikkun*

**Sunday, October 12**

Indigenous People's Day  
*The Legacy of Discovery*

## 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 ~ September 21 - 28

**Sunday, September 21 - Multi-Platform Worship & RE at 10 am**  
1 - 5 pm Social Threads Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday September 23**  
3 - 7:30 pm Refugee Ministry Team Fellowship Hall  
7 - 8:30 pm Communications Wk Grp Meeting Room 1

**Thursday, September 25**  
3 - 7:30 pm Refugee Ministry Team Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, September 28 - Multi-Platform Worship at 10 am**  
11 am - 1 pm Garden-On Plant Sale Outdoors  
11:30 am - 12:30 pm Get Out The Vote Event Lounge

Please visit the Church Calendar for more events by going to the website at [www.uucworchester.org](http://www.uucworchester.org), or scan the QR code with your smartphone!



### Invitation to our UUCW Love In Action Announcements List

You are invited to add your email address to our new UUCW Love In Action Announcements List. To join, send an email to [actionannouncements@uucworchester.org](mailto:actionannouncements@uucworchester.org) stating that you'd like to be added and briefly describe how you are connected to UUCW (i.e. member, friend). If you don't receive a welcome email within 24 hours, please check your spam.

#### 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](http://www.uucworchester.org)!



#### RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION & EDUCATION

10 - 11:15 am; *Youth Group*: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6 - 8 pm, Fellowship Hall, all meetings on Sunday. For information on UUCW RE programs, please email the RE program at [uucwre@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Regularly Scheduled UUCW Events/ Community Groups

**Addressing Racism Group**  
E/O Fri, 10 am - noon, Meeting Room 2

**Bell Choir**  
Monday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

**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

**Co-dependents Anonymous (CODA)**  
Mon, 7 - 8:30, Meeting Room 3

**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 SEPT. 14

*Sunday, September 14 pledges* = \$625.00  
*FY2026 Pledges to date* = \$29,843.00  
*Budgeted FY2026 Pledges* = \$211,570.00

*Sunday, September 14 offering* = \$129.00  
*FY2026 offering to date* = \$2,118.00  
*Budgeted FY2026 offering* = \$10,000.00

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