



# ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, January 8, 2023

*Believing in a community that unites all people*

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude                    *Reverie* by Claude Debussy  
                                  Matthew Johnsen, Music Director

Chalice Lighting            words by                    Linda Morse  
                                  Rev. Jone Johnson Lewis

Introit                    *Elegie for Victims of Tsunami*  
                                  by Nobiyuki Tsujii

Welcome    Sue Neaz

Opening Words *For Five Thousand Years, or More*                    Moira Rouse  
    By Matthew Johnson

\* Opening Hymn *Congregational Choice*

All Church Read Moment

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                    *My High Resolve* by Howard Thurman

Offertory                    *Le Fille Aux Cheveux de Lin* by C. Debussy  
(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 *Prelude* by J. S. Bach

Reflection                    *What's Your Question?*                    Rev. Aaron Payson

\* Closing Hymn                    *Congregational Choice*

Benediction

Postlude                    *East Texas Waltz* by Peter Ostroushko

\* 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

*Thanks to this morning's  
Volunteers:*

**Worship Associates:**

Linda Morse, Sue Neaz,  
& Moira Rouse

**In Person Audio Team:**

Bruce Leshay & Frank Sweetser

**Facebook Moderator:**

Rev. Cheryl Leshay

**Church Photographer:**

Betty Jenewin

**Greeter & Connection Team:**

Maya Desai & David Fields

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, January 15**

*What He Dreamed Be Ours To Do*

**Sunday, January 22**

*The Critical Nature of Compassion*

## FELLOWSHIP INFO

Please! No food or drink in the  
sanctuary during the service.

Due to COVID response,  
Fellowship Hour will take place  
outdoors at this time.

## UUCW Activity Calendar ~ January 8 - 15

### Sunday, January 8 - Multiplatform Worship & RE at 10 am

11:45 am - 3:30 pm      Teen OWL      Lounge, MR 1,2,3

### Friday, January 13

10 - 11:30 am      Investment Committee      Meeting Room 2

### Saturday, January 14

3 - 10 pm      Team Allyship Event      Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, January 15 - Multi-Platform Worship and RE Classes at 10 am

1:30 - 5:30 pm      Social Threads      Fellowship Hall

Please visit the Church Calendar for more events by going to the website at [www.uucworcester.org](http://www.uucworcester.org), scrolling to the bottom and clicking the Church Calendar icon on the left, or scan the QR box with your smartphone!



### UUCW Host Week at In The Hour of Need Family Shelter - Please Sign Up

UUCW is hosting at the In The Hour of Need (IHN) family shelter the week of January 15 through January 21, 2023. IHN works in partnership with the faith community to provide shelter and assistance to families with children who are homeless. The program's primary goals are to assist families in increasing their income and to help them secure permanent housing, while providing the critical support services necessary for them to succeed.

I invite you to sign up for an evening (5:30-8:30) or an overnight slot (8:30 pm-6:30 am Sun-Thurs/8:30 pm-8:30 am Fri & Sat). New people are welcome. We will give you a tour of the house and review their guidelines before volunteering. You may also join someone that has already signed up or visit Sheri at 91 June Street for a tour. Please contact [ihnteam@uucworcester.org](mailto:ihnteam@uucworcester.org) to volunteer. Thank you, Sue Neaz.

### Beyond Inquirers - Sunday Evening Online

January 8 - January 29 7 pm with Rev. Aaron Payson - Are you seeking a way to deepen your learning and engagement with this congregation? Beyond Inquirers is a four-session series on the Faith Forward Path focused on the congregation and you – offering a deeper understanding of how the congregation works and how you can be part of it. Join us Sunday evenings at 7 pm online. To sign up please see the most recent Nugget or visit the church website. For more information about UUCW's Adult Faith Development program please email [adultfaith@uucworcester.org](mailto:adultfaith@uucworcester.org).

### 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](mailto:office@uucworcester.org)) only on Tuesdays. Please see Message for changes in office hours based on Jen's father's 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.

### Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester

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### THE OFFERING - LATE DEC/JAN 1

Sunday, Dec. 18 pledges	= \$435.00
FY2022 Pledges to date	= \$75,329.16
Budgeted FY2022 Pledges to date	= \$87,198.20

Sunday, Dec. 18 offering	= \$439.00
FY2022 offering to date	= \$4,298.89
Budgeted FY2022 offering to date	= \$3,666.67

Sunday, Dec. 25 pledges	= \$3,064.00.00
FY2022 Pledges to date	= \$78,943.16
Budgeted FY2022 Pledges to date	= \$90,989.86

Sunday, Dec. 25 offering	= \$174.00
FY2022 offering to date	= \$4,692.39
Budgeted FY2022 offering to date	= \$3,866.67

Sunday, Jan. 1 pledges	= \$5,705.83
FY2022 Pledges to date	= \$84,648.99
Budgeted FY2022 Pledges to date	= \$94,781.52

Sunday, Jan. 1 offering	= \$104.00
FY2022 offering to date	= \$4,796.39
Budgeted FY2022 offering to date	= \$4,066.67

### 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](mailto:uucwre@gmail.com)

### 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.