



# ORDER of SERVICE - for Sunday, May 22, 2022

*Believing in a community that unites all people*

## Pre-Service Quiet

**Prelude** *Awaken the Better Angels of Ourselves*  
Matthew Johnsen, Pianist, Jagan Nath Khalsa, Violinist

**Chalice Lighting** *On Inherent Worth & Dignity*  
by Steve Stock

**Introit** *Breath In, Breath Out*  
Shah Salmi and Aaron Payson with Matthew Johnsen, Pianist

**Welcome** Rev. Aaron Payson

**Opening Words** *Prayer for Hopelessness*  
by Audette Fulbright Fulson

**Opening Hymn #338** *I Seek the Spirit of a Child*

## Religious Exploration 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 roam.

**Reading** *Speaking a History* by Gail Forsyth-Vail

**Offertory** *Nimrod*  
(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** *Everything Possible* by Fred Small  
David Bonneau, Baritone

**Reflection** *Teach Your Children Well* Rev. Aaron Payson

✱ **Closing Hymn #110** *Come Children of Tomorrow Come*

## Benediction

**Postlude** *This Is My Song*

✱ 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:*

### In Person Audio Team:

Bruce Leshay, Paul Marr  
& 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, May 29

Memorial Day Sunday  
*The Other Side of Sadness*

### Sunday, June 5

Heritage Sunday  
*Being and Becoming a Prophetic  
Church*  
Annual Meeting to follow Worship  
Service

### Sunday, June 12

RE Sunday  
Details to be Announced

### Sunday, June 19

Father's Day Sunday  
*Notes to My Children*

## 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 ~ May 22 - 29

### Sunday, May 22 - Worship and RE Classes at 10 am, in person and online

11:45 am - 12:15 pm	OWL Grad Parents	Lounge
1 - 5 pm	Social Threads	Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, May 28

8 am - 5 pm	Private Rental	Fellowship Hall
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All other meetings of the church must be scheduled on a case-by-case basis following the guidelines of the Health & Safety Team. Please contact the office to schedule any meetings of the church.



## Regularly Scheduled UUCW Events/ Community Groups

### Choir Rehearsal

Th, 7 - 8:30 PM  
Sunday, 9 - 9:30 am

### Evening Book Club

2nd Wed, 7 - 8:30 pm, Lounge

### Get Out The Vote Team

2nd Thurs, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Zoom

### Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Setup

3rd Fri, 4 - 10 pm, Fell Hall

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3rd Sat, 10 am - noon, Fell Hall

### Lunch With the Minister

1st Wed, Noon-1:15 pm, Lounge

### Men's Group

4th Fri, 7 pm, Meeting Room 1

### Monday Meditation Group

9:30 - 11:30 am, Zoom

### Side With Love Task Force

1st & 3rd Tues, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Zoom

### Staff Meeting

Mon, 10 am - noon, Meeting Room 1

### Women's Social Circle

2nd & 4th Sat, Off-Site/Zoom

### Yard Sale Volunteers Needed! - June 11

Our yard sale takes many hands to be successful. First, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Volunteer for 2 hours or 2 days—whatever you can do will be appreciated! If you are able to lend a hand, please visit the website at <https://www.uucworchester.org/2022-02-11-annual-yard-sale/> and click the SignUpGenius link!

### Spring Wildflower Walk with David Miller - Saturday, May 28, meet at UUCW

- Every year, around the last week in May, at about the time that the mayflowers carpet the forest floor, Linda and I like to go for a walk to see the pink lady slippers that blossom in the woods around our woodlot in Princeton. This year we'd like to invite members of our church family to join us. Participants will meet at church at 11:00 on Saturday morning, May 28, and drive to conservation land by the Ware River along the Princeton Hubbardston border, arriving about 11:30. A short walk will take us to the shore of the bank of the river, where we will pause for lunch. We will return to church in mid-afternoon. Participants are asked to bring their lunch, water bottle, and rain gear in case of a shower. For more information or to join this outing, contact David Miller, 508-853-8964 or sentierdeau at gmail dot com.

### 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

### Greater Worc. Humanists

2nd Tues, 6:30 pm F.Hall

### League of Women Voters Board

2nd Mon, 5:30-7:30 pm, Fell. Hall

### Overeaters Anonymous

Sat., 7:30 am, Meeting Room 1

### WGLN Rainbow Lunch

2nd & 4th Wed, 12 - 2 pm FH

### 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.

### 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@uucworchester.org](mailto:office@uucworchester.org)) only on Tuesdays.

### 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.

### THE OFFERING - LAST WEEK

<i>Sunday, May 15 pledges</i>	= \$2,315.00
<i>FY2022 Pledges to date</i>	= \$163,653.00
<i>Budgeted FY2022 Pledges to date</i>	= \$164,666.67
<i>Sunday, May 15 offering</i>	= \$82.00
<i>FY2022 offering to date</i>	= \$9,420.25
<i>Budgeted FY2022 offering to date</i>	= \$5,259.62

### 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)

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### 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.