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

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *A Promise Made on Signal Mountain* by Chad Lawson
Matthew Johnsen, Music Director

Chalice Lighting words by A. Payson

Introit *Love Song* by Matthew Johnsen

Welcome

Opening Words words by A. Payson — Andrew Wilkin

❋ **Opening Hymn #1020** *Woyaya* — Kathy Nagy, Pianist

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.

Stewardship Testimonial — Shah Salmi

Reflection *Blessed Are The Mistaken* — Rev. Aaron Payson

Offertory *A Spring Afternoon* by Matthew Johnsen

(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 *Quiet Streets* by Matthew Johnsen

Litany words by A. Payson

❋ **Closing Hymn #1057** *Go Lifted Up*

Benediction words by A. Payson

Postlude *Song Without Words* by Matthew Johnsen

❋ Please stand in body or in spirit

Note About AI Use: The Minister sometimes uses AI to help shape elements of the liturgy for worship. The technology is used as a tool to assist in developing ideas and in refining word choice and phrasing, not as a substitute for crafting the material itself.

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:
Guest Musician Kathy Nagy &
Andrew Wilkin

Audio-Visual Team:
Betty Jenewin, Paul Marr,
& Frank Sweetser

Online Hospitality:
Dawn Doud &
Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Church Photographer:
Betty Jenewin

Greeter & Connection Team:
Nancy Baffa & Vicky Biancolo

Fellowship Hour Sponsor:
Fiber Arts Group

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, March 22
Youth Group Sunday

Sunday, March 29
Palm Sunday
What The Donkey Knows

Holy Week Services

Thursday, April 2 at 7 pm
Maundy Thursday Universal Communion Service

Friday, April 3 at 7 pm
Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Greendale Peoples Church
25 Francis St. Worc.

Easter Sunday, April 5
7 am - Easter Sunrise Service
Shore Park (UUCW if rain)
115 Shore Drive, Worc.

10 am Easter Sunday Service
On The Afterlife of Love

Fellowship Info

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

UUCW Activity Calendar ~ March 15 - 22

Sunday, March 15 -Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am
1:30 - 5 pm Social Threads Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 22 -Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am
Noon - 1:30 pm Activist Book Club Lounge

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

Faith In Action – Side with Love – Activist Reading Group, March 22, noon – 1:30 pm, The Lounge
We are discussing: Blueprint for Revolution by Srđa Popović
March 22: read to end of book
This group is for anyone looking to understand their place in the current political climate and how they can contribute to meaningful changes in the community. In each meeting, we will discuss a book or other resource related to community activism. Please scan the QR Code to visit the church website for more info! Questions or suggestions? Do you have a suggestion for an activist resource? Please let Side with Love know at sidewithlove@uucworcester.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

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.

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 (2nd Tues in March 2026)
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, March 8

Sunday, March 8 pledges	= $2,145
FY2026 Pledges to date	= $150,239
Budgeted FY2026 Pledges	= $211,570
% of way towards Budget Goal	71%
Sunday, March 8 offering	= $151
FY2026 offering to date	= $11,781
Budgeted FY2026 offering	= $10,000
% of way towards Budget Goal	118%
Sunday, March 8 Change for Change	= $36
Sunday, March 8 Coffee Hour	= $18

Litany words by A. Payson

For the times we were certain, and life opened us to something truer—
For the times we were wrong and learned—may we be grateful.

For the moments when our assumptions cracked open, and compassion rushed in.
For the times we were wrong and learned—may we be grateful.

For the times we spoke too quickly, and another's courage helped us listen more deeply.
For the times we were wrong and learned—may we be grateful.

For the histories we inherit, and the emerging truths that call us to repair and begin again.
For the times we were wrong and learned—may we be grateful.

For every mistake that softened our hearts, and every correction that widened our vision.
For the times we were wrong and learned—may we be grateful.

May our fallibility be a guide, our humility a blessing, and our commitment to growth a promise we make to ourselves and each other.
Amen & Blessed Be.