



# ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, October 24, 2021

*Believing in a community that unites all people*

## Pre-Service Quiet

**Prelude** *Prelude in C min.* by JS Bach  
Matthew Johnsen, Music Director

**Chalice Lighting** words by Sophia Lyon Fahs

**Choral Introit** *Quiet Holy Place* UUCW Choir  
by Lee Morris

**Welcome & Opening Words** words by Kenneth Patton

**\* Opening Hymn #20** *Be Thou My Vision*

## Religious Exploration Moment

**Reading** *The Pure Prayer* by Rev. Bill Sinkford

**50/50 Collection** – Daybreak – YWCA of Central MA Domestic Violence Services - Deborah Hall, YWCA of Central MA Exec Dir.

**Offertory** *Prelude in E major* by JS Bach  
(Newcomers: please accept this service as our gift to you.  
Do not feel obligated to participate in the offering at this time.)

**Musical Meditation** *Spirit of Life*

## Joys & Sorrows

## Pastoral Prayer

**Reflection** *What Happened to Faith?* Rev. Aaron Payson

**Litany #569** *Stand By This Faith* by Olympia Brown

**\* Closing Hymn #1053** *Székely Áldás*

**Benediction** words by V. Emil Gudmundson

**Postlude** *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* by JS Bach

**\* 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

*Our thanks to these volunteers*

**Usher & Greeter:**

**Worship Associates:** Paul Marr

## 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*

**October 31, 2021**  
*Unveiling the Common Good*

**November 7, 2021**  
*Of Darkness and Dawn*

**November 14, 2021**  
*Healing from Harm*

**November 21, 2021**  
*Thanksgiving Sunday*  
*A Harvest of Hope*

## WELCOME NEWCOMERS

Please visit the Welcome Table for more information about UUCW!

## 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 ~ October 24 - 31

**Sunday, October 24 - Multi-platform Worship & RE at 10 am**  
noon - 1:30 pm      Congregational Mtg      Sanctuary

**Sunday, October 31 - Multi-platform Worship & RE at 10 am**  
noon - 1 pm      Self Help October Mtg      Off Site Event

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.

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!



### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF WORCESTER

**Sunday, October 24, 2021, following the service on Zoom and in-person**

Notice Pursuant to the by-laws of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester, a Special Meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester (UUCW) will take place following the service at 11:15 a.m., Sunday, October 24th, 2021 on Zoom and in-person. The meeting is open to all, however, voting is restricted to members of record of the UUCW. This is an important event in the ongoing business and life of our congregation and reflects the principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. During this meeting, we will vote on the following proposals by the Board of Management

1. To gift to the City of Worcester parcels of land across Shore Drive owned by the church in order to further the city's plans to install an alum dosing station.
2. To work with City of Worcester processes to change the church address from Holden Street to Shore Drive.
3. To authorize spending from the sale of land to the City, not to exceed \$160,000, in order to begin three high-need projects: HVAC system replacement, Fire Alarm system upgrades, and a new outdoor sign for the church.

All members of the congregation are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting in order to achieve a necessary quorum to conduct the business outlined above. Please go to <http://ibit.ly/Fzg1> to register to attend the Special Congregational Meeting on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Kate Bejune, Clerk, Board of Management, UUCW

#### 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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[www.uucworcester.org](http://www.uucworcester.org)  
Office Hours: M, T, W: 9 am - 3 pm; Th: 9 am - 2 pm

#### Today's 50/50 Collection – Daybreak

Daybreak is a program of the domestic violence services of the YWCA of Central MA. As the largest network of domestic violence service providers in the country, YWCA remains committed to reducing violence against women and girls. The need is very real. Every month, 46 women are shot to death by a current or former partner, and intimate partner homicides account for nearly half of all women killed each year in the United States. Domestic Violence Services at the YWCA provide direct and comprehensive support to survivors of domestic violence, and work to create community solutions that prevent domestic violence and promote healthy relationships.

#### THE OFFERING - LAST WEEK

<i>Sunday, Oct. 17 pledges</i>	= \$2,110.00
<i>FY2021 Pledges to date</i>	= \$61,801.00
<i>Budgeted FY2021 Pledges to date</i>	= \$57,000.00

<i>Sunday, Oct 17 offering</i>	= \$95.00
<i>FY2021 offering to date</i>	= \$2,211.53
<i>Budgeted FY2021 offering to date</i>	= \$1,182.02

#### 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.