



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.uucworchester.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

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

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

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

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.

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

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Office Hours: M, T, W: 9 am - 3 pm; Th: 9 am - 2 pm

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.