ORDER of SERVICE *for* Sunday, March 8, 2026

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet Jubilee Roses given to commemorate visionary Ella Baker, Virginia Roberts Guiffre, Jesse Jackson and my mother Agnes Finnen McGinn

Prelude *Valse Lente* by Oscar Marikanto
Matthew Johnsen, Music Director

Chalice Lighting *In Honor Of Women* by A. Payson

Introit *We Who Believe In Freedom Can Not Rest* by Sweet Honey In The Rock

Welcome Ana Gregory

Opening Words *Gathering in Gratitude* by A. Payson — Dianne Mann

❋ **Opening Hymn #1026** *If Every Woman In The World*

Change for Change Collection

Sending Song

Song He Thinks He'll Keep Her by Mary Chapin Carpenter

Tribute to Ella Baker written by Joan McGinn

8th Principle Moment David Schowalter

Stewardship Testimonial Dawn Doud

Reflection *We Dare Not Rest* Rev. Aaron Payson

Offertory *Both Sides Now* by Joni Mitchell
(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 *The Times They Are A-Changin'* UUCW Choir

Ritual of Honor & Remembrance Rev. Cheryl Leshay

❋ **Closing Hymn #108** *My Life Flows On*

Benediction

Choral Postlude *Bread and Roses*

❋ 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

Worship Associates:
Ana Gregory, Dianne Mann, David Schowalter & Dawn Doud

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

Online Hospitality:
Dawn Doud & Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Church Photographer:
Betty Jenewin

Greeter & Connection Team:
Maya Desai & Vickie Cox-Lanyon

Fellowship Hour Sponsor:
Soup Sunday with Kristen Payson & Catherine Roberts

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 15
Blessed Are The Mistaken

Sunday, March 22
Youth Group Sunday

Sunday, March 29
Palm Sunday
What The Donkey Knows

Holy Week Services (April 2 - 5) to be announced soon!

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 ~ March 8 - 15

Sunday, March 8 -Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

1:30 - 5:30 pm	MCAN Meeting	Meeting Room 1

Tuesday, March 10

6:30 - 8:30 pm	Connections Team Meet & Greet	Lounge

Saturday, March 14

1 - 3 pm	Worcester Indivisible	Fellowship Hall
4 - 6 pm	The Alliance	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 15 -Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

1:30 - 5 pm	Social Threads	Fellowship Hall

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

UUCW Connections Team Meet & Greet – Tuesday, March 10 at 7pm
Join us to learn more about our community! Tuesday, March 10th at 7pm – in the Lounge.

RSVP: https://bit.ly/4ldDsdu or scan the QR Code!
Direct questions to ConnectionsTeam@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 1

Sunday, March 1 pledges	= $6,793
FY2026 Pledges to date	= $148,094
Budgeted FY2026 Pledges	= $211,570
% of way towards Budget Goal	70%
Sunday, March 1 offering	= $488
FY2026 offering to date	= $11,630
Budgeted FY2026 offering	= $10,000
% of way towards Budget Goal	116%
Sunday, March 1 Change for Change	= $59
Sunday, March 1 Coffee Hour	= $55