



# ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, January 4, 2026

*Believing in a community that unites all people*

## Pre-Service Quiet

**Prelude** *The Ash Grove* Trad. Welsh  
Matthew Johnsen, Music Director & Pianist

**Chalice Lighting** words by Mary Sheldon Barry Brigham

**Introit** *Prelude* by J. S. Bach

**Welcome** Dianne Mann

## Opening Words

\* **Opening Hymn #1008** *When Our Heart Is In A Holy Place*

## 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.

**Committee on Right Relations Moment** Matt Bejune, CoRR

**Offertory** *Auld Lang Syne* Trad.  
(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

**Reflection** *Questions, Questions, Who's Got a Question?*  
Rev. Aaron Payson

**Responsive Reading #544** *New Year's Day*

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

**Benediction** words by Addae Ama Kraba

**Postlude** *Prelude* by J. S. Bach

\* Please stand in body or in spirit

## SERVICE NOTES

*Our thanks to these volunteers*  
**Worship Associates:**

Barry Brigham & Dianne Mann

**Audio-Visual Team:**

Betty Jenewin, Paul Marr,  
& Frank Sweetser

**Online Hospitality:**

Dawn Doud &  
Rev. Cheryl Leshay

**Church Photographer:**

Betty Jenewin

**Greeter & Connection Team:**

Vicky Biancolo & Mary Paradiso

**Fellowship Hour Sponsor:**

Connection Team

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, January 11

*Of Social Debts & Common Goods*

### Sunday, January 18

*For Love of Justice & Humanity*

### Sunday, January 25

Guest Minister  
Rev. Alice Anacheka-Nasemen

## 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!

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!

## UUCW Activity Calendar ~ January 4 - 11

### Sunday, January 4 - Multi-Format Worship at 10 am

1 - 5 pm Social Threads Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, January 10

10 - 11:30 am Buildings & Grounds WG Meeting Room 1

### Sunday, January 11- Multi-Format Worship and Religious Exploration at 10 am

Please visit the Church Calendar for more events by going to the website at [www.uucworchester.org](http://www.uucworchester.org), or scan the QR code!



### UUCW Holiday Emergency Fund Drive

In 2025 UUCW spent over \$2500.00 to assist families in need in our congregation and community. This money helped pay for homelessness outreach, food, medicine, temporary shelter, utilities, holiday gifts, and transportation. Funds were collected from members and friends of the congregation as well as other communities who partnered with us to provide this outreach. During the Winter Holiday season, we strive to replenish this fund. There are two ways that we accomplish this. First, the children's "change for change" collection which had been a weekly ritual during Sunday morning worship gives those attending Sunday morning worship a weekly opportunity to contribute. Additionally, we invite a special offering during the Holiday services (Solstice – New Years) when we invite you to contribute directly to the fund with one of the envelopes provided. In addition, you may contribute to this effort electronically by visiting <https://my.simplegive.com/app/giving/unit90h215> (scan the QR code) and choosing "Emergency Fund (#4260)" from the Fund drop-down menu. Your contribution makes a huge difference in the lives of the families we serve!



### 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@uucworchester.org](mailto:office@uucworchester.org)) from 9 am - 3 pm on Tuesdays, unless she is handling family medical needs.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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

3rd 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, 6:15 - 7:15 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:

#### AI-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

#### Overeaters Anonymous

Sat., 7:30 am, Meeting Room 1

#### Rainbow Explorers Group

Mon, noon - 4 pm, Fellowship Hall

#### WGLN/ESW Rainbow Lunch/Supper Group

2nd/4th Wed, 12-2 pm/1st Wed, 4:30-6, FH

#### Worcester Community Drum Circle

4th Sat, 7 - 9 pm, FH

### 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](mailto:uucwre@gmail.com)

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