



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, January 6, 2019

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude

Auld Lang Syne arr Jim Scott
Music Director Matthew Johnsen

Chalice Lighting

Responsive Opening Words (see other side)

Welcome

* **Opening Hymn #350** *The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time*

Children's Collection

(Children are invited to attend the Religious Exploration Program following the collection)

Sending Song

*Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the Spirit of Love surround you.
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.*

Reading

Are There Any Questions? by Robert Fulghum

Offertory

Anniversary Song by Clif Hardin
(Newcomers: please accept this service as our gift to you.
Do not feel obligated to participate in the offering at this time.
Please see information below on our new Text-to-Give service)

Joys & Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Reflection

What's Your Question? Rev. Aaron Payson

* **Closing Hymn #354**

We Laugh, We Cry

Benediction

Postlude

Upon the Water by Clif Hardin

Announcements

* Please stand in body or in spirit

SERVICE NOTES

Our thanks to these volunteers

Usher & Greeter:

Linda Morse & Evan Wilson

Worship Associates:

To Be Announced

Fellowship Hour Sponsors:

Hospitality Team and
Soup with Kristen Payson

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*

January 13, 2019

Unexpected Grace

January 20, 2019

MLK Sunday
In Praise of Radical Truth

January 27, 2019

Worship Arts Sunday
Details to be Announced

February 3, 2019

All Church Read Sunday
A Wrinkle in Time

WELCOME VISITORS

Please come to Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and an opportunity to learn more about our congregation.

FELLOWSHIP INFO

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

11:15 AM: fully-hosted coffee hour with snacks provided by a group at the church.

Please consider making a small donation to the coffee hour collection basket.

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 6 - January 13

Sunday, January 6 - Worship Service and RE Classes at 10 am

11:45 am - 12:30 pm COA Parents Meeting Lounge

Friday, January 11

5:30 - 8:30 pm All-Church Read Movie Lounge

Saturday, January 12

4:30 - 8:30 pm RE Team Winter Retreat Lounge

Sunday, January 13- Worship Service and RE Classes at 10 am

noon - 1:30 pm Young Adult Mash-up Lounge

IHN Host Week (January 20 - 26) Sign-up begins today!

Check out the volunteer sign up board in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour requesting a dinner and overnight host for the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) at 91 June Street, Worcester. The IHN of Greater Worcester provides a critical program in the community safety net for families that are homeless. The shelter is not staffed in the evening and that is where we come in. The congregation provides \$300 in grocery money for the week and we will gratefully accept donations for groceries (Please see the most recent Message for a link to donate). The guests will cook dinner; we provide a side dish to share and companionship for the evening. Our overnight person provides companionship and an overnight presence for the guests. Please speak to me, Dianne Mann, or Robin Mitzcavitch for further information or to sign up. If you have not volunteered in the past, we will team you up with an experienced volunteer. Check out their website for more information: <http://www.ihnworchester.org/>. Thank you for your support. --Sue Neaz

Upcoming Events:

Please see most recent UUCW Message or our website for more info on these events:
 January 6 - IHN Open House (Off-Site Event)
 January 12 - Women's Social Circle
 February 3 - Special Congregational Meeting

Responsive Opening Words

We bid you welcome on this first Sunday of the new year.

Like Janus we gather with part of us looking backward and part of us looking forward.

We gather on the edge of the new year saddened by our losses, cherishing our joys, aware of our failures, mindful of days gone by.

**We gather on the cusp of this new year
 eager to begin anew,
 hopeful for what lies ahead, promising to make changes,
 anticipating tomorrows and tomorrows.**

We invite you to join our celebration of life, knowing that life includes good and bad, endings and beginnings.

We bid you welcome!

THE OFFERING LAST WEEK	
<i>Sunday, December 30 pledges</i>	= \$1,332.00
<i>FY2019 Pledges to date</i>	= \$76,214.48
<i>Budgeted FY2019 Pledges to date</i>	= \$94,500.00
<i>Sunday, December 30 offering</i>	= \$61.00
<i>FY2019 offering to date</i>	= \$2,635.00
<i>Budgeted FY2019 Plate to date</i>	= \$2,599.98

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
 Sundays from Sept 24- June 10
Nursery Care: 9:50 - 11:15 in the Nursery
Religious Education: 10 - 11:15 am, meeting rooms
Youth Group: 6 - 8 pm, Fellowship Hall
 For information on UUCW RE programs, please email the RE program at uucwre@gmail.com

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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.