ORDER of SERVICE
for Sunday, January 18, 2026

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Hush, Hush, Somebody's Callin' My Name* by Clif. Hardin
Matthew Johnsen, Music Director & Pianist

Chalice Lighting *In The Spirit of Dr. King*

Choral Introit *Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round* Trad.

Welcome Ana Gregory, Auction Team

Opening Words *Love and Power in Balance* Joan McGinn

❋ **Opening Hymn #149** *Lift Every Voice And Sing*

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.

Reflection *For Love of Justice And Humanity*
Rev. Aaron Payson

50/50 Collection to benefit Worcester Interfaith

Offertory *Precious Lord*
(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

Choral Anthem *I Have A Dream*
words by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King

Responsive Reading *On Power and Love*

❋ **Closing Hymn #156** *Oh, Freedom*

Benediction

Postlude *Beloved Community Improvisation* by Matthew Johnsen

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❋ 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 & Joan McGinn
Audio-Visual Team:
Betty Jenewin, Paul Marr, & Frank Sweetser
Online Hospitality:
Dawn Doud & Rev. Cheryl Leshay
Church Photographer:
Betty Jenewin
Greeter & Connection Team:
Mary Paradiso & Andrew Wilkin
Fellowship Hour Sponsor:
Religious Exploration Program

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 25
Frogs & Other Forms of Resistance
Guest Minister
Rev. Alice Anacheka-Nasemen

Sunday, February 1
Setting the World Aflame

Sunday, February 8
Beyond Enlightenment

Sunday, February 15
Annual Music Sunday
Music Director Matthew Johnsen

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 ~ January 18 - 25

Sunday, January 18- Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

Noon - 12:30 pm	Women's Weekend Mtg	Meeting Room 1
1:30 - 5 pm	Social Threads	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday January 21

10:30 - 2:30 pm	MCAN Meeting	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 24

Noon - 4 pm	Garden-On Team	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 25 - Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

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

UUCW Spring 2026 Online Auction Fundraiser – Donations Needed! We are excited to offer a spring online auction to benefit the work of UUCW. The auction will be tied into our March 7th COOL BEANS COFFEE HOUSE and will run February 28th – March 7th. If you can assist us by asking your favorite place of business for a gift card donation or to offer a service or experience that you can provide yourself, we can generate a wonderful auction platform for the entire community to enjoy! Please scan the QR Code to let us know how you can help!

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.

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
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 - Sunday January 11

Sunday, January 11 pledges	= $2,430
FY2026 Pledges to date	= $120,278
Budgeted FY2026 Pledges	= $211,570
% of way towards Budget Goal	57%
Sunday, January 11 offering	= $291
FY2026 offering to date	= $9,346
Budgeted FY2026 offering	= $10,000
% of way towards Budget Goal	93%
Sunday, January 11 Change for Change	= $53
Sunday, January 11 Coffee Hour	= $3

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Responsive Reading *On Power & Love*

Dr. King taught that power without love becomes reckless and abusive.
We seek a power grounded in compassion, courage, and shared humanity.

He warned that love without power becomes sentimental and anemic.
We choose a love strong enough to confront injustice and transform the world.

Power at its best, he said, is love implementing the demands of justice.
May our actions give shape to the justice our hearts imagine.

And justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love.
May our justice be guided by love, and our love be made real through just and faithful power.

Together, let us walk the path where love and power meet.
Together, we build the Beloved Community.