ORDER of SERVICE *for* Sunday, March 29, 2026

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *On the Trail* by Ferde Grofe
Matthew Johnsen, Director of Music

Chalice Lighting words by A. Payson

Introit *Hosanna* from *Jesus Christ Superstar*
by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Welcome

❋ **Opening Hymn #262** *Hosanna in the Highest*

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 *What the Donkey Knows* Rev. Aaron Payson

Offertory *March from Xerxes* by G.F. Handel
(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

Responsive Reading #640 *The Beatitudes*

❋ **Closing Hymn #263** *When Jesus Looked Over Olivet*

Benediction words by A. Payson

Postlude *Passacaglia* by G.F. Handel

❋ Please stand in body or in spirit

Note About AI Use: The Minister sometimes uses AI to help shape elements of the liturgy for worship. The technology is used as a tool to assist in developing ideas and in refining word choice and phrasing, not as a substitute for crafting the material itself.

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:
To Be Announced

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

Fellowship Hour Sponsor:
Side With Love 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

Holy Week Services

Sunday, March 29
Palm Sunday
What The Donkey Knows

Thursday, April 2 at 7 pm
Maundy Thursday Universal Communion Service

Friday, April 3 at 7 pm
Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Greendale Peoples Church
25 Francis St. Worc.

Easter Sunday, April 5
7 am - Easter Sunrise Service
Shore Park (UUCW if rain)
115 Shore Drive, Worc.

10 am Easter Sunday Service
On The Afterlife of Love

Fellowship Info

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

UUCW Activity Calendar ~ March 29 - April 5

Sunday, March 29 -Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

Tuesday, March 31 & Wednesday April 1
2:30 - 6 pm Refugee Ministry Team Event Fellowship Hall

Please see other side for worship information for Thursday March 31, Friday April 1, and Easter Sunday April 5.

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

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 (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 22

Sunday, March 22 pledges	= $2,333
FY2026 Pledges to date	= $153,943
Budgeted FY2026 Pledges	= $211,570
% of way towards Budget Goal	73%
Sunday, March 22 offering	= $346
FY2026 offering to date	= $12,311
Budgeted FY2026 offering	= $10,000
% of way towards Budget Goal	123%
Sunday, March 22 Change for Change	= $69
Sunday, March 22 Coffee Hour	= $24

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