ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, November 1, 2026

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Spiegel im Spiegel* Arvo Partt Matthew Johnsen, Pianist
JaganNath Khalsa Violin

Chalice Lighting *#73 Autum Chant* Emily Miller Mlčák, Ministerial Intern

Welcome Nancy Baffa, Worship Associate

Opening Words *All Saints' Day* by Matthew Johnsen

❋ **Opening Hymn** *#54 Now the Light is Less*

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 *"Of Marigolds & Memory"* Rev. Aaron Payson

Offertory *Aurora* Ola Gjeilo
(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 *Meditation from the Thin Space of St Paul's* Peter Ostroushko

Responsive Reading *#721 They Are With Us Still*

❋ **Closing Hymn** *#1068 Rising Green*

Benediction

Choral Postlude This is what Democracy Looks Like. Elizabeth Alexander

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❋ 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.

SERVICE NOTES

Our thanks to these volunteers

Worship Associates:

Audio-Visual Team:
Ali Aslam, Kate Bejune, Betty Jenewin, Paul Marr, & Frank Sweetser

Online Hospitality:
Dawn Doud & Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Church Photographer:
Betty Jenewin

Greeter & Connection Team:
Vicky Biancolo & Maya Desai

Fellowship Hour Sponsor:
Finance & Investment Teams

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, November 8
One Lamp is Enough

Sunday, November 15
The Courage To Be

Sunday, November 22
Of Memory, Grace, and Gratitude

Sunday, November 29
On Being Lost
Ministerial Intern
Emily Miller Mlčák

Sunday, December 6
Awe in the Ashes: Remembering War, Rekindling Peace

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 ~ November 1 - 8

Sunday, November 1 - Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

3 - 5:30 pm	Private Rental	Sanc./Lounge

Monday, November 2

All Day	Election Setup	Fellowship Hall/MR 3
6:30 - 7 pm	Bell Ensemble	Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 3

8 am - 9 pm	State Election Day	Fellowship Hall/MR 3

Saturday, November 7

6 - 9 pm	Fall Potluck	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 8 - 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!

Fall Potluck DInner - Saturday, November 7th at 6 pm Join us for a Día de los Muertos celebration to remember and honor our deceased loved ones. An ofrenda (altar) will be on display beginning Sunday, November 1. We invite you to bring a photo of your loved one to add to the altar, either during Sunday service on November 1 or at our potluck dinner on November 7. We also encourage you to bring a potluck dish that reminds you of your loved one. This is a family-friendly gathering, and children are welcome. For those who sign up in advance, we'll have teen babysitters and a movie available for the kids. Please sign up in the Hall today!

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!

Religious Exploration & Education

10 - 11:15 am; Youth Group: 5:30 - 7 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 v 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.

Upcoming Schedule Change: The church office will be closed and Jen will be unavailable from October 23 – November 1. Jen will be working from home on November 2 and 3, and regular in-person office hours will resume on November 4.

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, Mtg.Room 2
UUCW Bell Ensemble (begins Oct. 19, 2026)
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, 6:30 - 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
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 (Begins Oct. 9, 2026)
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
Betty Machete Women's Uke Group
E/O Monday, 7 - 8:30 pm, FH
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, 4:15 - 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
WGLN/ESWA Rainbow Lunch Club
2nd, 3rd & 4th Wed, 12-1:30 pm