ORDER of SERVICE
for Sunday, October 18, 2026

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Morning Has Broken* by Arthur Frankenpohl
Guest Musician Nelly Case

Chalice Lighting *Come* by Rumi
Religious Exploration Robin Mitzcavitch

Change for Change Collection

Intergenerational Sing (see insert)

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

Welcome Andrew Wilkin

Opening Words *Let There Be Joy* by Carl Seaburg
Emily Miller Mlčák, Ministerial Intern

❋ **Opening Hymn #205** *Amazing Grace*

Reading Excerpt from *The White Man's Guilt* by James Baldwin

Reflection *Hungry Ghosts* Emily Miller Mlčák, Ministerial Intern

Offertory *Amazing Grace* arr. Wilbur Held
(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

❋ **Closing Hymn # 1024** *When the Spirit Says Do*

Benediction

Postlude *Jubilate Deo Omnis Terra* by Paul Benoit

❋ 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:
Nelly Case & Evan Wilson

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:
Religious Exploration Program & Families

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
aining Present

Sunday, October 25
Of Shadows, Light, and Love

Sunday, November 1
Marigolds & Memory

Sunday, November 8
One Lamp is Enough

Sunday, November 15
The Courage To Be

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 ~ October 18 - 25

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

11:30 am - 12:30 pm	GoTV Ballot Discussion	Meeting Room 3
11:45 am - 1:30 pm	OWL Class	Lounge

Saturday, October 24

8 am - 12:30 pm	WARL Parking Lot Rental	Front Parking Lot

Sunday, October 11 - 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!

2026 CROP Walk is Today! Join UUCW and four other congregations to raise money and awareness to combat hunger. A quarter of CROP Walk proceeds fight hunger in our community—Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry receives a portion of the money raised. The other 75% goes to international programs to support women, provide clean water to communities, and fight hunger.

The CROP Walk is at 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 18 at 346 Shrewsbury Street in Holden. Participants are invited to gather after the walk to enjoy food and live music and an unveiling of the fundraising total! There are activities for kids and families and a chance to learn about our global neighbors who benefit from the funds we raise.

Please visit the church website at https://www.uucworcester.org/2026-10-18-crop-walk/ for more details or to make a donation to support the CROP Walk.

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

The Offering through Sunday, Oct. 11

Sunday, Oct. 11 pledges	= $1,930
FY2027 Pledges to date	= $51,159
Budgeted FY2027 Pledges	= $211,753
% of way towards Budget Goal	24%
Sunday, Oct. 11 Plate	= $454
FY2027 Plate to date	= $1,805
Budgeted FY2027 offering	= $12,900
% of way towards Budget Goal	14%
Sunday, Oct. 11 Change for Change	= $56
Sunday, Oct. 11 Coffee Hour	= $6

Words for Intergenerational Sing

Head & Shoulders, Baby 1-2-3

Head and shoulders, Baby 1 [clap] 2 [clap] 3
Head and shoulders, Baby 1 [clap] 2 [clap] 3
Head and shoulders, head and shoulders baby 1-2-3

Well, I ain't been to 'Frisco
I ain't been to school
I ain't been to college
But I ain't no fool
To the front, to the back, to the side side side
To the front, to the back, to the side side side

[Throw the ball, baby….
[Kick the can, baby…]

The Forest is a Wonderful Place

The forest is a wonderful place
Filled with frogs and snakes
I want to see a salamander's face
The forest is a wonderful place
I wanna go there….

V'Ahavta

Learn to live your life with all your heart
And all your soul and all your mind
And love all humankind as you would love yourself

Learn to live your life
With all your heart
And all your soul and mind
And love all humankind

We've got happy lives to live
We've got open arms to give
We've got hope down deep inside
Because in love we do reside