



# ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday March 3, 2024

*Believing in a community that unites all people*

## Pre-Service Quiet

**Prelude** *What A Wonderful World*  
by G. Davis, Weiss, B. Thiel

**Chalice Lighting #728** *Blessed Are Those*  
Sheri Linn, Board President

**Introit Hymn #18** *What Wondrous Love*

## Welcome

**Opening Words #483** by Wendell Berry Moira Rouse

\* **Opening Hymn #163** *For The Earth Forever Turning*

## 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.

## Why I Pledge

**Choral Offertory** *Tis A Gift to be Simple* Trad. Shaker folk song  
(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

**Hymn #318** *We Would Be One*

**Reading** *George Bailey Monologue* from  
"It's A Wonderful Life"

**Skit/Reflection** *It's A Wonderful Church!*  
Stewardship Team & Friends

\* **Closing Hymn #1017** *Building A New Way*

## The Ask

## Benediction

**Postlude** *It's A Wonderful World* by Louis Armstrong

\* Please stand in body or in spirit

## SERVICE NOTES

*Our thanks to these volunteers*

### Worship Associates:

Stewardship Team & Friends

### Audio-Visual Team:

Betty Jenewin, Paul Marr,  
Chris Ryan, & Frank Sweetser

### Facebook Moderator:

Rev. Cheryl Leshay

### Church Photographer:

Betty Jenewin

### Greeter & Connection Team:

Maya Desai & Sue Neaz  
Visit a Connections Team  
Member at the Welcome  
Table during coffee 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  
Rev. Aaron Payson, Preaching

### Sunday, March 10

*Fasting for Freedom*

### Sunday, March 17

*On Symbolic Belonging*

### Sunday, March 24

Annual Youth Group Service  
Details to be Announced

## 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!

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 ~ March 3 - 10

### Sunday, March 3 - Multi-Platform Worship & RE Classes at 10 am

1:30 - 5:30 pm Social Threads Fellowship Hall

### Monday, March 4

9 am - 9 pm Primary Setup Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, March 5

8 am - 8 pm Presidential Primary Fellowship Hall  
10 am - 3 pm Private Rental Mtg Rooms 2 & 3

### Wednesday, March 6

10:30 am - noon Kindred Conversations Lounge

### Friday, March 8

9 am - 9 pm Social Threads Retreat Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, March 9

9 am - 5 pm Social Threads Retreat Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, March 10 - Multi-Platform Worship & RE Classes at 10 am

Please visit the Church Calendar for more events by going to the website at [www.uucworchester.org](http://www.uucworchester.org), or scan the QR box with your smartphone!



## Regularly Scheduled UUCW Events/Community Groups

### Addressing Racism Group

E/O Fri, 10 am - noon, Meeting Room 2

### Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 9 - 9:30 am & 12:15 - 12:45 pm

### Evening Book Club

2nd Wed, 7 - 8:30 pm, Lounge

### Fiber Arts Group

Wed, 7 - 8:30 pm, Meeting Room 3

### Get Out The Vote Team

2nd Thurs, 6:15 - 7:15 pm, Zoom

### Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Setup

3rd Fri, 4 - 10 pm, Fellowship Hall

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3rd Sat, 9 am - noon, Fellowship Hall

### Lunch With the Minister

1st Wed, Noon-1:15 pm, Lounge

### Men's Group

4th Fri, 7 pm, Meeting Room 1

### 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, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

### Women's Social Circle

2nd & 4th Sat, Fellowship Hall/Off-site

### Community & Support Groups:

#### AI-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

#### League of Women Voters Board

2nd Mon, 5:30-7:30 pm, Fell. Hall

#### NAMI Support Group (Starts Nov. 7, 2023)

1st & 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm, Lounge

#### ONE Worcester

3rd Wed, 6 - 8 pm, Mtg Rm 1

#### Overeaters Anonymous

Sat., 7:30 am, Meeting Room 1

#### Private Rental

Tues, 10 am - 3 pm, Meeting Rooms 2 & 3

#### WGLN/ESW Rainbow Lunch/Supper Group

2nd & 4th Wed, 12-2 pm/1st Wed, 4:30-6, FH

#### Worcester Community Drum Circle

4th Fri, 7 - 9 pm, FH

## All-Church Spring Potluck Dinner – Saturday, March 23, 5:30 pm

Please join us for a Potluck Dinner to celebrate the return of Spring on Saturday, March 23rd at 5:30. Bring a dish and spend time with friends, old and new. Children are welcome! Child care will be provided if requested in advance. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/3YHNGGs> or at coffee hour.

### THE OFFERING - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

*Sunday, Feb. 18 pledges* = \$3,840.00 *Sunday, Feb. 18 offering* = \$125.00  
*FY2024 Pledges to date* = \$126,647.17 *FY2024 offering to date* = \$6,752.00  
*Budgeted FY2024 Pledges to date* = \$128,000.00 *Budgeted FY2024 offering to date* = \$5,733.00

### OFFICE INFORMATION

**Office Hours:** Office Hours will be Monday and Wednesday 9 am – 3 pm; Thursday 9 am – 2 pm. Jen works from home on Tuesdays from 9 am – 3 pm to accommodate office access needs for other staff. She is available by phone (508-853-1942 ext 102) and email ([office@uucworchester.org](mailto:office@uucworchester.org)) as usual on Tuesdays.

### 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

*Religious Education:* 10 - 11:15 am; *Youth Group:* 6 - 8 pm, Fellowship Hall  
For information on UUCW RE programs, please email the RE program at [uucwre@gmail.com](mailto:uucwre@gmail.com)

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