



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday December 23, 2018

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude

Greensleeves

Music Director Matthew Johnsen

Chalice Lighting

Welcome

Barry Brigham

Calling The Directions #446

*Opening Hymn #226 *People Look East*

Children's Collection

(Change collected will be contributed to the UUCW Emergency Fund to assist those in need in our congregation and community.)

The Yule Fairies Part I

Offertory

O Tannenbaum Introduced by Linda Morse

*(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

The Yule Fairies Part II

*Closing Hymn #1026 *Winter Solstice Chant*

*Benediction

Postlude

Sussex Carol

* 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

Usher & Greeter:

Mara Pentlarge

Worship Associates:

Barry Brigham

Fellowship Hour Sponsors:

Members & Friends of 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

December 23, 2018

4 pm - Annual Holiday Vespers Service

Peace on Earth

5:30 pm - Annual Vespers Tea

Monday December 24, 2018

5 pm - Carols & Lessons Service at

First Presbyterian Church

125 Holden Street

7 pm - Annual Christmas Eve Service

Hark, The Herald Angels Sing

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

10 am - Christmas Day Service at

Bethel Lutheran Church,

90 Bryn Mawr Ave, Auburn MA

December 30, 2018

Hope Made Manifest

Guest Minister Rev. Jennifer Innis

WELCOME VISITORS

Please come to Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and an opportunity to learn more about our congregation.

FELLOWSHIP INFO

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

11:15 AM: fully-hosted coffee hour with snacks provided by a group at the church.

Please consider making a small donation to the coffee hour collection basket.

UUCW Activity Calendar December 23 - 30

**Sunday December 23 - Worship at 10 am (Solstice) and
4 pm (Holiday Vespers)**

5:30 - 8 pm Annual Vespers Tea Fellowship Hall, MR 3

Monday, December 24 -

**Offsite Worship at 5 pm, see Worship Schedule on other side
UUCW Annual Christmas Eve Service at 7 pm**

**Tuesday, December 25 - Offsite Worship at 10 am,
see Worship Schedule on other side**

Thursday, December 27

6 - 9 pm Worcester Shubertiad Rehearsal Sanctuary

Friday, December 28

1 - 4 pm Worcester Shubertiad Rehearsal Sanctuary

Saturday, December 29

6 - 9 pm Worcester Shubertiad Rehearsal Sanctuary
3 - 8 pm YAM Holiday Party Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, December 30 - Worship at 10 am,
see Worship Schedule on other side**

Special Collection at Holiday Services

- Rev. Aaron Payson
arpayson@charter.net

During the special holiday services December 23 through December 30, members and friends of the congregation are invited to participate in our special offering project in support of the Minister's Discretionary, Emergency Fund. This fund serves families both within our congregation and the community at large by providing needed resources such as heating oil, gas, clothing, medicine, partial rent, school supplies, etc. for those in need. During 2018 over \$1700.00 was distributed from this fund. Please consider your contribution to this important ministry. Envelopes will be handed out with Orders of Service and extras will be available in the foyer. Thank you in advance for your generosity and compassion. If you prefer to donate to this cause digitally online, please see the most recent UUCW Message.



Vespers Tea - This Afternoon after Vespers Service

Plan on enjoying the annual Vespers Tea immediately after the beautiful Vespers service. The Holiday Vespers Service takes place at 4 pm, and the Vespers Tea will be at 5:30 pm. We will celebrate the holiday season the way our congregation has done it for years. Come into Fellowship Hall still singing "Silent Night" and join us in fellowship and wonderful food, drink, and conversation.

Please bring either a savory (if your last name starts with A - H) or sweet dish (I - Z) to share. Finger food is best! Drop it off in Fellowship Hall before the service. Write a list of the ingredients on a file card and place it with your dish to provide information for people with allergies.

Have you signed up to be on one of the Vespers Tea Teams? See the most recent Message for the link! We will be setting up an hour prior to the start of service. Can you come early and set up tables and/or help with plating? Are you available to help set out food after the service? Who wants to serve tea water, coffee, or festive punch? Lastly, we need all to help clean up so no one has to stay late. Thank you for your time and consideration in helping us make this "The Best Vespers Ever!"

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 LGBTQI and Allies of 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 EDUCATION

Sundays from Sept 24 - June 10

Nursery Care: 10 - 11:15 in the Nursery
Religious Exploration: 10 - 11:15 am, RE spaces
Youth Group: 6 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
For information on UUCW RE programs, please email Robin at uucwre@gmail.com

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