



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, March 22, 2026

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet Simon Murphy

Prelude *The Times, They Are A-Changin'* by Bob Dylan

Chalice Lighting Naziah Billiar

Welcome Reid Murphy

Responsive Reading *When I Grow, The World Changes*
Led by Ayre Stephenson-Sweeney

✱ Opening Hymn #1017 *We Are Building A New Way*

Change for Change Collection Reid Murphy
Children of All Ages are invited to remain in the front of the church.

Story for All Ages *Leo the Late Bloomer* by Robert Kraus
Read by Vernon Divoll, extra illustrations by Ben Wilkin
Grades Pre-k and K who are in Spirit Play are now invited to attend
their class and children grades 1 and up can return to sit with their
families or peers.

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

50/50 Collection to benefit Worcester Fellowship Denise Darrigrand

Offertory *Interstellar* by Hans Zimmerman Neway Odell
(Newcomers: please accept this service as our gift to you.
Do not feel obligated to participate in the offering at this time.)

Reflection on Growth Naziah Billiar, Reid Murphy
Our Seniors: Ayre Stephenson-Sweeney, Vernon Divoll,
and Simon Murphy

Joys & Sorrows Ayre Stephenson-Sweeney

Prayer Simon Reid

✱ Closing Song *Where The Streets Have No Name* by U2,
from the movie Sing 2, performed by Sing 2 cast

Benediction Ben Wilkin

Postlude Please enjoy our Youth Group Slideshow,
produced by Neway Odell

✱ 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

Worship Associates:
UUCW Youth Group

Audio-Visual Team:
Betty Jenewin, Paul Marr,
& Frank Sweetser

Online Hospitality:
Dawn Doud &
Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Church Photographer:
Betty Jenewin

Greeter & Connection Team:
Nancy Baffa & Andrew Wilkin

Fellowship Hour Sponsor:
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

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, March 29

Palm Sunday
What The Donkey Knows

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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 22 - 29

Sunday, March 22 -Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am
Noon - 1:30 pm Activist Book Club Lounge

Tuesday, March 24
5:45 - 8:30 pm Worc. Peace Choir Reh/PL Fell Hall & Sanc.

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

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



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 15

<i>Sunday, March 15 pledges</i>	= \$1,372
<i>FY2026 Pledges to date</i>	= \$151,610
<i>Budgeted FY2026 Pledges</i>	= \$211,570
<i>% of way towards Budget Goal</i>	72%
<i>Sunday, March 15 offering</i>	= \$184
<i>FY2026 offering to date</i>	= \$11,965
<i>Budgeted FY2026 offering</i>	= \$10,000
<i>% of way towards Budget Goal</i>	120%
<i>Sunday, March 15 Change for Change</i>	= \$58
<i>Sunday, March 15 Coffee Hour</i>	= \$28

Faith In Action – Side with Love – Activist Reading Group, March 22, noon – 1:30 pm, The Lounge

We are discussing: Blueprint for Revolution by Srđa Popović

March 22: read to end of book

This group is for anyone looking to understand their place in the current political climate and how they can contribute to meaningful changes in the community. In each meeting, we will discuss a book or other resource related to community activism. Please scan the QR Code to visit the church website for more info! Questions or suggestions? Do you have a suggestion for an activist resource? Please let Side with Love know at sidewithlove@uucworchester.org



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.uucworchester.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@uucworchester.org) from 9 am - 3 pm on Tuesdays, unless she is handling 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@uucworchester.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.uucworchester.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.

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Responsive Reading: When I Grow, The World Changes

Leader: We are here to derive meaning in our actions

All: When I grow, the world changes

Leader: We are here to win our power back over our areas of powerlessness

All: When I grow, the world changes

Leader: We are here to deepen our understanding of ourselves in order to strengthen self-discipline

All: When I grow, the world changes

Leader: We are here to abolish prejudice with an appreciation for our diversity and differences

All: When I grow, the world changes

Leader: We are here to feel our personal power and our capacity to affect the lives of other people

All: When I grow, the world changes

Leader: We are here to become teachers to each other

All: When I grow, the world changes

Leader: I am here to see that my singular life is a gateway to countless possibilities.

All: When I grow, the world changes

Source: UU Congregation of Quezon City, Philippines

By Ma Theresa "Tet" Gustilo Gallardo

Adapted by Robin Mitzcavitch