



# ORDER of SERVICE - for Sunday, May 15, 2022

*Believing in a community that unites all people*

## Pre-Service Quiet

**Prelude** *Play God* by Ani DiFranco  
**Chalice Lighting** *Affirmation of Hope*  
by Loretta Williams  
**Introit** *What It's Like* by Everlast  
**Welcome** Beth Posner-Waldron & Lynn Gostyla  
**Opening Words** *Do Not Be Alone Right Now*  
by Karen G. Johnson

**Opening Hymn #1028** *The Fire of Commitment*

**Religious Exploration Moment** Robin Mitzcavitch

**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 roam.

**Reading** *The trials and tribulations of Amina*  
by Busingye Etesa Martina

**Offertory** *La Femme Féral* by Digable Planets  
(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** *Breath* by Anna Nalick

**Reflection** *Roeing Upstream* Rev. Aaron Payson

✳ **Closing Hymn #170** *We Are a Gentle, Angry People*

**Benediction** *Each of us ministers to a weary world*  
by Darcy Roarke

**Postlude** *Sally's Pigeons* by Cindy Lauper

✳ 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

*Thanks to this morning's  
Volunteers:*

### In Person Audio Team:

Bruce Leshay, Paul Marr  
& Frank Sweetser

### Facebook Moderator:

Rev. Cheryl Leshay

### Church Photographer:

Betty Jenewin

### Greeter & Connection Team:

Maya Desai & David Fields

Visit a Connections Team Member  
at the Welcome Table 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, May 22

*Teach Your Children Well*

### Sunday, May 29

Memorial Day Sunday  
*The Other Side of Sadness*

### Sunday, June 5

Heritage Sunday  
*Being and Becoming a Prophetic  
Church*  
Annual Meeting to follow Worship  
Service

## 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 ~ May 15 - 22

### Sunday, May 15- Worship & RE at 10 am

12:30 - 1:30 pm Get Out The Vote Event Fell. Hall

### Monday, May 16

2 - 3:30 pm Investment Committee Meeting Room 2

### Wednesday, May 18

6 - 8 pm ONE Worcester Meeting Room 1

### Sunday, May 22

11:45 am - 12:15 pm OWL Grad Parents Lounge

All other meetings of the church must be scheduled on a case-by-case basis following the guidelines of the Health & Safety Team. Please contact the office to schedule any meetings of the church.



## Regularly Scheduled UUCW Events/ Community Groups

### Choir Rehearsal

Th, 7 - 8:30 PM  
Sunday, 9 - 9:30 am

### Evening Book Club

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

### Get Out The Vote Team

2nd Thurs, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Zoom

### Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Setup

3rd Fri, 4 - 10 pm, Fell Hall

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3rd Sat, 10 am - noon, Fell Hall

### Lunch With the Minister

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

### Men's Group

4th Fri, 7 pm, Meeting Room 1

### Monday Meditation Group

9:30 - 11:30 am, Zoom

### Side With Love Task Force

1st & 3rd Tues, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Zoom

### Staff Meeting

Mon, 10 am - noon, Meeting Room 1

### Women's Social Circle

2nd & 4th Sat, Off-Site/Zoom

### 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

### Greater Worc. Humanists

2nd Tues, 6:30 pm F.Hall

### League of Women Voters Board

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

### Overeaters Anonymous

Sat., 7:30 am, Meeting Room 1

### WGLN Rainbow Lunch

2nd & 4th Wed, 12 - 2 pm FH

### Yard Sale Volunteers Needed!

Our yard sale takes many hands to be successful. First, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Volunteer for 2 hours or 2 days—whatever you can do will be appreciated! If you are able to lend a hand, please visit the website at <https://www.uucworchester.org/2022-02-11-annual-yard-sale/> and click the SignUpGenius link!

### Come Join Our Get-Out-the-Vote Team on Sunday, May 15th ~ During Coffee Hour

We'll be launching our letter-writing campaign in preparation for the November midterm elections. The letters are preformatted with a space for you to write a personal non-partisan message about WHY YOU VOTE. Learn how to use the VoteForward platform from your home computer to send letters yourself. You can also participate by donating printing paper, envelopes, or stamps. (eye-catching, no flags) – Please bring with you to church on May 15th. For more information please see the UUCW Message.

### 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.

### OFFICE INFORMATION

**Office Hours :** In person: M, W: 9 am - 3 pm; Th: 9 am - 2 pm; by phone (508-853-1942 ext 102) and email ([office@uucworchester.org](mailto:office@uucworchester.org)) only 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.

### THE OFFERING - LAST WEEK

<i>Sunday, May 8 pledges</i>	= \$5,598.00
<i>FY2022 Pledges to date</i>	= \$161,178.00
<i>Budgeted FY2022 Pledges to date</i>	= \$164,666.67
<i>Sunday, May 8 offering</i>	= \$201.00
<i>FY2022 offering to date</i>	= \$9,053.00
<i>Budgeted FY2022 offering to date</i>	= \$5,143.12

### RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION & EDUCATION

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

### TEXT ALERTS FROM UUCW

TEXT ALERTS from UUCW are now being offered. In case of cancellation of Worship/RE or other events, you can receive alerts on your smartphone. To sign up, text UUCWORCESTER to 84483. Please note that carrier SMS fees may apply.

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