



# ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, May 11, 2025

*Believing in a community that unites all people*

## Pre-Service Quiet

**Prelude** *Holy Manna* by Joseph M. Martin  
Matthew Johnsen, Music Director

**Chalice Lighting** words by Claudene (Deane) Oliva

**Introit** *If I Can Stop One Heart From Breaking*  
by Jean Berger, words by Emily Dickinson

**Welcome** Ana Gregory

**Opening Words** words by Mary J. Harrington

✳ **Opening Hymn #409** *Sleep My Child*

**Change for Change Collection**

**Story for All Ages**

**Reflection** *In the Interests of Peace* Rev. Aaron Payson

**Offertory** *Streams* by Joseph Bornlof  
(Newcomers: please accept this service as our gift to you.  
Do not feel obligated to participate in the offering at this time.)

**Joys & Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Solo** *An die Musik* Maria Ferrante, Soprano  
by Frank Schubert, words by Franz von Schober  
Please see other side for translation

**Responsive Reading #573**

✳ **Closing Hymn #159** *This is My Song*

**Benediction** words from the Metta Sutta

**Postlude** *Wiegenlied (Lullaby)* by Johannes Brahms

✳ Please stand in body or in spirit

## SERVICE NOTES

*Our thanks to these volunteers*  
**Worship Associates:**  
Ana Gregory

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

**Online Hospitality:**  
Dawn Doud &  
Rev. Cheryl Leshay

**Church Photographer:**  
Betty Jenewin

**Greeter & Connection Team:**  
Vickie Cox-Lanyon  
& Mary Paradiso

**Fellowship Hour Sponsor:**  
All of us!

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, May 18**  
*Civility, Rights, and Equality*

**Sunday, May 25**  
Memorial Day Sunday  
Flower Communion Sunday  
*The Blooms of Memory and Hope*

**Sunday, June 1**  
Religious Exploration Sunday  
Annual Church Picnic

## 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 ~ May 11 - 18

**Sunday, May 11 - Multi-Platform Worship & RE at 10 am**

**Monday, May 12 - Multi-Platform Worship & RE at 10 am**

7 - 8:30 pm Conn Team Meet & Greet Lounge

**Sunday, May 18 - Multi-Platform Worship & RE at 10 am**

11:30 am - 1 pm SWL/8th Prin. Wksp Lounge  
1 - 5 pm Social Threads Fellowship Hall

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 code with your smartphone!



## Regularly Scheduled UUCW Events/ Community Groups

### Addressing Racism Group

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

### Bell Choir

Monday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

### Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 9 - 9:30 am, Sanctuary

### COA-Adults Small Group

E/O Wed, 6 - 8 pm, Lounge

### 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, Fellowship Hall

### Get Out The Vote Team

2nd Thurs, 6:15 - 7:15 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 Office Hours

Mon, Wed 9 am - 3 pm, Th 9 am - 2 pm

Tuesday 9 - 3 from home

### 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

#### "Betty Machete" Women's Ukulele Group

E/O Mon, 7 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

#### Co-dependents Anonymous (CODA)

Mon, 7 - 8:30, Meeting Room 3

#### Debtors Anonymous (DA)

Tues., 7 pm, Meeting Room 1

#### NAMI Support Group

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

#### Overeaters Anonymous

Sat., 7:30 am, Meeting Room 1

#### Rainbow Explorers Group

Mon, noon - 4 pm, Fellowship Hall

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

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

#### Worcester Community Drum Circle

4th Sat, 7 - 9 pm, FH

### 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 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, unless she is handling family medical needs.

### 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.

### RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION & EDUCATION

*Religious Education:* 10 - 11:15 am; *Youth Group:* 11:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6 - 8 pm, Fellowship Hall, all meetings on Sunday. For information on UUCW RE programs, please email the RE program at [uucwre@gmail.com](mailto:uucwre@gmail.com)

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