



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

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: 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!

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.uucworcester.org, or scan the QR code with your smartphone!



An die Musik by Frank Schubert, words by Franz von Schober

To Music - Translation to English by Richard Wigmore

Beloved art, in how many a bleak hour,
When I am enmeshed in life's tumultuous round,
Have you minded my heart to the warmth of love,
And borne me away to a better world!

Often a sign, escaping from your harp,
A sweet, celestial chord
Has revealed to me a heaven of happier times.
Beloved art, for this I thank you!

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@uucworcester.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.uucworcester.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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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

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