



ORDER of SERVICE for Youth Group Sunday - Freedom - Sunday, March 30, 2025

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet Hayley Newton
Prelude *Intro* by J Cole
Chalice Lighting Naziah Billiar, Neway Odell
Welcome Ayre Stephenson-Sweeney
Opening Reading Owen Cohane
* **Opening Hymn #155** *Circle Round for Freedom*
Neway Odell, Piano
Change for Change Collection Naziah Billiar
Story for All Ages We invite children of all ages to join together at the altar! "One Love" adapted by Cedella Marley read by Vernon Divoll. After the short video, children are invited back to their seats.
Offertory Lissa Johnson-Erikson
Offertory Collectors Neway Odell and Davin McGrath
(Newcomers: please accept this service as our gift to you.
Do not feel obligated to participate in the offering at this time.)
Music *Freedom* by Bob Marley
Haley Newton, Vocalist, Justin Newton, Guitar
Congregational Activity *Shared Hearts of Freedom* Reid Murphy
Each of you should have a ½ side of a heart. We would love for you to decorate it, draw a picture, and/or write down what you think of when you hear the word "freedom". Please write on the side that has the dot. We will collect them at the end of our service! Thank you!
Joys & Sorrows Reid Murphy
Prayer Simon Murphy
Senior Youth Group Members Reflect on Freedom
Justin Keyo, Elisabeth Johnson Erikson,
Owen Cohane, Davin McGrath
* **Closing Song** *Freedom* by Jon Batiste
Please join us in body or in spirit,
in song and in DANCE during our closing song!
Benediction Justin Keyo
Postlude *Youth Group Slide Show* by Vernon Divoll

* 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,
Chris Ryan, & Frank Sweetser
Online Hospitality:
Dawn Doud &
Rev. Cheryl Leshay
Church Photographer:
Betty Jenewin
Greeter & Connection Team:
Nancy Baffa & Maya Desai
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

Sunday, April 6

Guest Minister Rev. Michael Hall

Sunday, April 13

Guest Speaker
Chaplain Kye Flannery

Holy Week (April 17 - 20)
Services to be announced!

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 ~ March 30 - April 6

Sunday March 30 - Multi-Platform Worship & RE at 10 am

11:30 am - 1 pm SWL/8th Prin. TF Event Lounge

Sunday April 6 - Multi-Platform Worship & RE at 10 am

1 - 5 pm Social Threads Fellowship Hall

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



Discussing Resistance Conversations – Sundays after Fellowship Hour, March 30, April 27, May 18

Join Side with Love and the 8th Principle Taskforces to talk more about what resistance looks like and how we can lean into love and justice.

When: Sundays after coffee hour (Approximately 11:45-1pm)

Dates: March 30th, April 27th, May 18th

Where: UUCW Lounge

Format: Check-In, discussion topic, small and large group conversation

Upcoming discussion topics include:

- Demonstrations and Protest
- Connecting Resistance to Systems of Oppression
- Stop Private Jet Expansion Campaign

Email sidewithlove@uucworchester.org with any questions

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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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 Game Night

1st Fri, 6 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Women's Social Circle

2nd & 4th Sat, Fellowship Hall/Off-site

Community & Support Groups:

AI-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 pm, Meeting Room 3

Debtors Anonymous (DA)

Tues., 7 pm, Meeting Room 1

NAMI Support Group

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

ONE Worcester

3rd Wed, 6 - 8 pm, Mtg Rm 1

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

For information on UUCW RE programs, please email the RE program at uucwre@gmail.com