



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, May 18, 2025

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Folk Song* by Joseph M. Martin
Matthew Johnsen, Music Director

Chalice Lighting words by Lori Gorgas Hlaban

Introit *Happiness* by Peter Mayer

Welcome

Opening Words words by Julia Corbett-Hemeyer

* **Opening Hymn #170** *We Are a Gentle Angry People*

Change for Change Collection & 50/50 Collection Introduction
to benefit Judy's Jubilee After School Program - Creative Hub

Sending Song

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

Reflection *Civility, Rights and Equality* Rev. Aaron Payson

Offertory *People* by Jule Styne
(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

Musical Meditation *Improvisation* by Matthew Johnsen

Responsive Reading #646

* **Closing Hymn #1019** *Everything Possible*

Benediction words by the Religious Institute

Choral Postlude *Be the Change*
by Marc Kaplan & Colin Britt, words by Gandhi

* 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: To Be Announced

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:
Rachel Keyo
& Nancy Baffa

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

Sunday, June 1
Religious Exploration Sunday
Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, June 8
Annual Meeting Sunday
Heritage Sunday
In The Name of All That is Holy

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 18 - 25

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

Thursday, May 22

6:30 - 8:30 pm	Happy Arts Event	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, May 25 - Multi-Platform Worship & RE at 10 am

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!



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

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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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