ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, November 8, 2026

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Chiming of the Bells *Westminster Chimes* UUCW Bell Ensember Members

Prelude *Prelude* by Clif Hardin
Matthew Johnsen, Music DIrector

Chalice Lighting & Opening Words Emily Miller Mlčák, Ministerial Intern

Welcome Deborah Merrill, Worship Associate

❋ **Opening Hymn #168** *Ain't Gonna Study War No More*

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 go.

New Member Ceremony

8th Principle Moment David Schowalter, 8th Principle Taskforce

Reflection *One Lamp is Enough* Rev. Aaron Payson

Offertory *Dancing Leaves* by Doug Hammer
(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 *What a Wonderful World* by George Weill & Bob Thiele
Dianne Mann, Soprano & Kimberly Mann, Trumpet

Responsive Reading *One Lamp is Enough* by A. Payson

❋ **Closing Hymn #178** *Raghupati*

Benediction & Postlude *Taps* Kimberly Mann, Trumpet

❋ Please stand in body or in spirit

Note About AI Use: The Minister sometimes uses AI to help shape elements of the liturgy for worship.The technology is used as a tool to assist in developing ideas and in refining word choice and phrasing, not as a substitute for crafting the material itself.

SERVICE NOTES

Our thanks to these volunteers

Worship Associates:
Deborah Merrill

Audio-Visual Team:
Ali Aslam, Kate Bejune, Betty Jenewin, Paul Marr, & Frank Sweetser

Online Hospitality:
Dawn Doud & Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Church Photographer:
Betty Jenewin

Greeter & Connection Team:
Nancy Baffa & Andrew Wilkin

Fellowship Hour Sponsor:
Soup Sunday with Kristen Payson

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, November 15
The Courage To Be

Sunday, November 22
Of Memory, Grace, and Gratitude

Sunday, November 29
On Being Lost
Ministerial Intern
Emily Miller Mlčák

Sunday, December 6
Awe in the Ashes: Remembering War, Rekindling Peace

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 ~ November 8 - 15

Sunday, November 8 - Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

11:45 am - 3 pm	OWL Event	Lounge
noon - 2 pm	Pankowski Talk	Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 10

8 am - 4 pm	LFFP Mtg.	Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 13

5 - 7 pm	MRF Clothing Swap Dropoff	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 14

1:30 - 4:30 pm	MRF Clothing Swap	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 15 - Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration 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!

Pankowski Talk - Today, Noon, in the Sanctuary You are warmly invited to a special talk this Sunday, November 8, at 12:00 noon in the sanctuary of the UU Church of Worcester.

Our speaker is Rafał Pankowski, a Polish sociologist and political scientist, associate professor at Collegium Civitas in Warsaw, and a co-founder of the "Never Again" Association, where he heads its East Europe Monitoring Center and edits the magazine Nigdy Więcej ("Never Again"). For nearly thirty years he has combined historical commemoration with civil society action — monitoring antisemitism and right-wing extremism, pressing companies and parliaments to act, and building democratic culture in Poland. His work has been honored with the Polish Ombudsman's badge and the Polcul Award.

His talk is titled "The Meaning of 'NEVER AGAIN': Historical Commemoration and Civil Society Activism for Peace in Europe Today." All are welcome, and I hope you can join us.

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!

Religious Exploration & Education

10 - 11:15 am; Youth Group: 5:30 - 7 pm, Fellowship Hall, all meetings on Sunday. For information on UUCW RE programs, please email the RE program at uucwre@gmail.com

UUCW News & Announcements

For the most up to date UUCW News, please scan the QR Code with your phone to visit the church website at www.uucworcester.org!

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.She is available by phone (508-853-1942 ext 102) and email (office@uucworcester.org) from 9 am - 3 pm on Tuesdays, unless she is handing family medical needs.

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 Tues., 10 am - noon, Mtg.Room 2
UUCW Bell Ensemble (begins Oct. 19, 2026)
Monday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Sanctuary
Board of Management Meeting
3rd Monday, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Mtg. Room 1
Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 9 - 9:30 am, Sanctuary
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 Zoom
2nd Thurs, 6:30 - 7:30 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 (Begins Oct. 9, 2026)
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 Uke Group
E/O Monday, 7 - 8:30 pm, FH
Debtors Anonymous (DA)
Tues., 7 pm, Meeting Room 1
NAMI Support Group
1st Tues., 6:30 pm, Lounge
Overeaters Anonymous
Sat., 7:30 am, Meeting Room 1
Rainbow Explorers Group
Mon, 4:15 - 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
WGLN/ESWA Rainbow Lunch Club
2nd, 3rd & 4th Wed, 12-1:30 pm

The Offering through Sunday, Nov. 1

Sunday, Nov. 1 pledges	= $4,225
FY2027 Pledges to date	= $67,449
Budgeted FY2027 Pledges	= $211,753
% of way towards Budget Goal	32%
Sunday, Nov. 1 Plate	= $184
FY2027 Plate to date	= $2,492
Budgeted FY2027 offering	= $12,900
% of way towards Budget Goal	19%
Sunday, Nov. 1 Change for Change	= $52
Sunday, Nov. 1 Coffee Hour	= $15

Responsive Reading *One Lamp is Enough* by A.Payson

In every age, people have searched for light when the path ahead was uncertain.

One lamp is enough to begin the journey.

In the story of the Ramayana, a people welcomed home those who had endured hardship, loss, and long wandering.

They lit lamps to guide the way home.

Today we honor the light that persists through courage, service, and sacrifice.

We give thanks for veterans and all who have borne burdens on behalf of others.

Today we welcome new members into this community of faith.

May they find companionship, purpose, and belonging among us.

Today we celebrate moments of hope and possibility in our common life.

May our hope be guided by wisdom, compassion, and justice.

One lamp cannot banish every darkness.

Yet one lamp can kindle another.

One act of courage can inspire a community.

One act of welcome can change a life.

One act of love can change the world.

May we be bearers of light for one another and for all. One lamp is enough to begin.