



# ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, November 21, 2021

*Believing in a community that unites all people*

## Pre-Service Quiet

**Prelude** *Awake Now My Senses* by Clif Hardin  
Matthew Johnsen, Music Director

**Chalice Lighting** words by Katie Gelfand

**Choral Introit** *For the Beauty of the Earth* F.S. Pierpont

**Welcome & Opening Words** by Gwen Matthews

✧ **Opening Hymn #67** *We Sing Now Together*

## Religious Exploration Moment

**Pulpit Reflection** *On Adoption* Andrea Cruz

**Offertory** *Let Us Break Bread Together* (Trad.)  
Introduced by Susan Crossley  
(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** *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Jim Scott  
Rachel Wagner, Soprano

**Reflection** *A Harvest of Joy* Rev. Aaron Payson

**Litany** *For What Shall We Give Thanks?*  
by Laura Horton-Ludwig

✧ **Closing Hymn #290** *Bring, O Past, Your Honor*

**Benediction** words by Andrew Pakula (adapted)

**Choral Postlude** *For the Beauty of the Earth* Rutter

✧ 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

*Thanks to this morning's  
Volunteers:*

**In Person Audio Team:**  
Paul Marr & Frank Sweetser

**Facebook Moderator:**  
Rev. Cheryl Leshay

**YouTube Moderator:**

**Church Photographer:**  
Betty Jenewin

**Greeter & Connection Team:**  
Maya Desai & David Fields

Visit a Connections Team Member  
at the Welcome Table 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*  
Rev. Aaron Payson, Preaching

**November 28, 2021**  
Worship Arts Sunday  
*Walk in My Shoes to be Kinder*  
Guest Speaker Cliff Hakim

**December 5, 2021**  
*Standing On the Rock of Ages*

**December 12, 2021**  
*Journey Toward Wholeness*

*Please see other side for Holiday  
Services Schedule!*

## FELLOWSHIP INFO

Please! *No food or drink in the  
sanctuary during the service.*

Due to COVID response,  
Fellowship Hour will take place  
outdoors at this time.

## UUCW Activity Calendar ~ November 21 - 28

**Sunday, November 21 - Multi-platform Worship & RE at 10 am**

**Tuesday, November 23**

6:30 - 7:30 pm      SWL Task Force      Zoom

**Thursday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed**

**Sunday, November 28 - Multi-platform Worship & RE at 10 am**

All other meetings of the church must be scheduled on a case-by-case basis following the guidelines of the Health & Safety Team. Please contact the office to schedule any meetings of the church.



**Litany** *For What Shall We Give Thanks?* by Laura Horton-Ludwig

The wheel of the year has turned again.

**Once more the Thanksgiving season has arrived.**

How shall we sing our song of gratitude now?

**For what shall we give thanks?**

For this moment;

**for friends near and far;**

for our breath;

**for love;**

for courage and clarity;

**for strength;**

for delight;

**for laughter;**

for beauty;

**for the tables round which we gather;**

for the food we enjoy with friends,

**seasoned with love and memory;**

for the sun and moon and stars in the

sky;

**for the trees who have seen so much**

and still stand proud, stretching themselves to the sky;

**for the bright voices of children;**

for the wisdom of elders;

**for actions that bless the world;**

for hard work that makes a

difference;

**for music and art and celebration;**

for generosity;

**for compassion;**

for endurance;

**for joy;**

for hope.

**For all these things, we give thanks.**

**Annual Holiday Giving Tree Starts Sunday, November 28** Starting on November 28th, you can decorate our Giving Tree with your donated hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. These items will be donated to folks in need. Place your items on the tree in the Sanctuary! Thank You!

**Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee Sale – Today** after Worship Service we will have new and delicious fair trade coffee, chocolate, and tea on sale near Fellowship Hall. Sales of fair trade items help UUCW with their commitment to serving fair trade at our fellowship hour. We are hoping to be able to resume with coffee soon!!!

### 2021 Holiday Services Schedule

✳ Minister's Emergency Fund Collection at all Holiday Services

#### December 19, 2021

✳ 10 am - Annual Solstice Service

*Tomten and the Fox*

✳ 4 pm - Annual Holiday Vespers Service

*Be Ye Lamplights in the Darkness*

#### Friday, December 24, 2021

✳ 7 pm - Annual Christmas Eve Service

*The Promise of Peace*

#### Sunday, December 26

Worship Arts Sunday

*Details to be Announced*

### THE OFFERING - LAST WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 14 pledges = \$2,720.00  
FY2022 Pledges to date = \$18,854.00  
Budgeted FY2022 Pledges to date = \$71,250.67

Sunday, Nov. 14 offering = \$242.00  
FY2022 offering to date = \$2,886.28  
Budgeted FY2022 offering to date = \$1,706.28

Sunday, Nov. 14 50/50 Collection = \$268.00  
\$268 to benefit African Community Education

### OFFICE INFORMATION

**Office Hours :** In person: M, W: 9 am - 3 pm; Th: 9 am - 2 pm, by phone (508-853-1942 ext 102) and email (office@uucworchester.org) only on Tuesdays. Office Closed on November 25 (Thanksgiving).

**COVID Info:** Jen will continue to work from home at her discretion on days when events take place at the church when there is expected to be a high volume of visitors. Please see most recent Message for more COVID Updates and Office News!

### 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:* 6 - 8 pm, For information on UUCW RE programs, please email the RE program at uucwre@gmail.com

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### TEXT ALERTS FROM UUCW

TEXT ALERTS from UUCW are now being offered. In case of cancellation of Worship/RE or other events, you can receive alerts on your smartphone. To sign up, text UUCWORCESTER to 84483. Please note that carrier SMS fees may apply.