



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, May 3, 2026

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Prelude* by Rachmaninoff
Matthew Johnsen, Music Director & Pianist

Chalice Lighting *When Fear Meets the Call* by A. Payson

Choral Introit *Sea Mother's Lullaby* by Thomas Benjamin

Welcome

Opening Words *Enter This Hour* by A. Payson

* **Opening Hymn #4** *I Brought My Spirit to the Sea*

Change for Change Collection

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

Committee on Right Relations Moment

New Member Ceremony

Reflection *Fear and Prophetic Possibility* Rev. Aaron Payson

Offertory *Prelude* by Rachmaninoff
(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

Responsive Reading #565 *Prophets* by Clinton Lee Scott

* **Closing Hymn #1054** *Blue Boat Home*

Benediction

Postlude Improvisation on *Hyfrodol* by M. Johnsen

* 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:

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
& Vickie Cox-Lanyon

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 10
Mother's Day Sunday &
COA Graduation
Belonging, Becoming, & Beyond

Sunday, May 17
Curing With Curiosity

Sunday, May 24
Memorial Day Sunday
Sound and Healing
Guest Speaker Kathy Nagy

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 3 - 10

Regularly Scheduled UUCW Events/Community Groups

Sunday, May 3 -Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

11:45 am - 1:15 pm COA Class Lounge
7 - 8:30 pm New UU Online Class Online

Saturday, May 9

12:30 - 3:30 pm Worcester Indivisible Fellowship Hall

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

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



New UU Classes - Sunday Evenings@ 7 pm(til 8:30) Online

April 12, 19, 26 and May 3, 2026

Join Rev. Aaron Payson and others from UUCW as we explore the history, values, organization, and practices of Unitarian Universalism in general and UUCW in particular. This series of conversations is a general introduction to Unitarian Universalism and is open to newcomers and seasoned members alike.

Interested in joining us? Scan the QR Code or visit <https://bit.ly/uucwnewu> to register. Once registered, a link will be sent to your email.



Ecumenical Service of Healing and Hope On Thursday, May 7, 2026 @ 7pm The Greendale Ecumenical Group will host a Healing Worship Service & Blessing of Hands at Salem Covenant Church (215 East Mountain Street, Worcester). This service is open to all who wish to join together as a healing presence.

Please see the church website at <https://www.uucworchester.org/ecumenical-service-of-healing-hope-may-7th-7-pm-salem-covenant-church/> or scan the QR Code for more details.



RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION & EDUCATION

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

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.uucworchester.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@uucworchester.org) from 9 am - 3 pm on Tuesdays, unless she is handling family medical needs.

Why does the Order of Service look different? As we get closer to the discontinuation of Publisher, the software we have used to put the Order of Service together for many years, we will be trying some new programs and fonts to see what works best. If you have trouble reading it, please let Jen know at office@uucworchester.org!

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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Addressing Racism Group

E/O Tues., 10 am - noon, Mtg. Room 2

UUCW Bell Ensemble

Monday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Board of Management Meeting

2nd 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

UUCW Peace Vigil

2nd & 4th Wed, 6 - 7 pm, UUCW Peace Pole

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:

Al-Anon Adult Children (ACOA)

Thurs., 7:30 pm, Meeting Room 1

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Fri., 8 pm, Lounge

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

Worcester Community Drum Circle

4th Sat, 7 - 9 pm, FH

THE OFFERING THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Sunday, April 26 pledges	= \$1,475
FY2026 Pledges to date	= \$168,186
Budgeted FY2026 Pledges	= \$211,570
% of way towards Budget Goal	79%
Sunday, April 26 offering	= \$198
FY2026 offering to date	= \$14,169
Budgeted FY2026 offering	= \$10,000
% of way towards Budget Goal	142%
Sunday, April 26 Change for Change	= \$43
Sunday, April 26 Coffee Hour	= \$9