



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, December 7, 2025

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude

Why Me? by Mats Bergström
Matthew Johnsen, Music Director & Pianist

Chalice Lighting

words by Erika Hewitt Barry Brigham

Introit

Vocalise by Sergei Rachmaninov
Mara Pentlarge, Flutist

Welcome

Dianne Mann

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.

Opening Words

words by Kyle Johnson

* Opening Hymn #1009 *Meditation on Breathing*

Reflection *Don't Do Something, Sit There!* Rev. Aaron Payson

Committee on Right Relations Moment

Andrea Cruz,
CoRR Representative

Offertory

Frozen Ground 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

1st Gymnopedie by Erik Satie

Responsive Reading #598

Without Hate

* Closing Hymn #1031 *Filled With Loving Kindness*

Benediction

words by Elena Westbrook

Postlude

Notturmo by Ottorino Respighi

* 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:

Barry Brigham & Dianne Mann

Audio-Visual Team:

Betty Jenewin, Paul Marr,
& Frank Sweetser

Online Hospitality:

Dawn Doud &
Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Church Photographer:

Betty Jenewin

Greeter & Connection Team:

Maya Desai

Fellowship Hour Sponsor:

Rev. Cheryl & Bruce Leshay

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, December 14

Wading Through The Rubble

Sunday, December 21

10 am Annual Winter Solstice
Service:

The Goddess & The Redbird
4 pm - Annual Holiday Vespers
Service & Tea: *Reveling in the Light*

Please scan the QR code to see the
most recent Nugget

"Tidings of Comfort and
Joy" for the full Holiday
Services Schedule!



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 ~ December 7 - 14

Sunday, December 7 - Multi-Platform Worship and RE at 10 am

Noon - 1:30 pm Activist Reading Group Lounge
12:30 - 4:30 pm Gala Prep Meeting Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 11

3 - 6 pm Mathis Memorial Service Sanctuary/Fell. Hall

Saturday, December 13

6 - 10 pm Turn Up The Lights Gala Off Site

Sunday, December 14 - Multi-Platform Worship and 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!



Turn Up The Lights Gala! - Sat, Dec. 13, 6 - 10 pm, Jean McDonagh Arts Center, 208 Franklin Street Worc. Please join us for a special fundraising event in support of UUCW. Our church is more than a place of worship. Together, we can help preserve and maintain this beloved building so it continues to shine as a place of hope, unity and service for generations to come. Please see the church website for full information!

TICKETS: <https://tickets.thehanovertheatre.org/brickbox/Online/article/uucw25> or scan the QR code!



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!



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 uucwre@gmail.com

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.

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 Tues., 10 am - noon, Meeting Room 2

UUCW Bell Ensemble

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, 6:15 - 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

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

"Betty Machete" Women's Ukulele Group

E/O Mon, 7 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

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, 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

THE OFFERING - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30

Sunday, November 30 pledges = \$4,170
FY2026 Pledges to date = \$89,093
Budgeted FY2026 Pledges = \$211,570
% of way towards Budget Goal 42%

Sunday, November 30 offering = \$255
FY2026 offering to date = \$6,207
Budgeted FY2026 offering = \$10,000
% of way towards Budget Goal 62%

Sunday, November 30 Change for Change = \$37
Sunday, November 30 Coffee Hour = \$10