



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday December 10, 2023

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Before Dawn* by Ola Gjeilo
Music Director Matthew Johnsen, Piano

Chalice Lighting words by Emma Lazarus Barry Brigham

Introit *Aurora* by Ola Gjeilo

Welcome & Opening Words *Each Candle A Miracle*
by Amanda Udis-Kessler

✧ **Opening Hymn #219** *O Hear, My People*

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.

8th Principle Moment Bryon Sweeney

Offertory *New Moon* by Ola Gjeilo
(Newcomers: please accept this service as our gift to you.
Do not feel obligated to participate in the offering at this time.)

Hymn #252 *Find A Stillness*

Joys & Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Meditation *Eternity*

Reflection *How Shall We Kindle Our Light* Rev. Aaron Payson

Litany #629 *Hanukkah*

✧ **Closing Hymn #221** *Light One Candle*

Postlude *Quiet Streets* by Ola Gjeilo

✧ Please stand in body or in spirit

SERVICE NOTES

Our thanks to these volunteers

Worship Associates:

Barry Brigham, Bryon Sweeney

Audio-Visual Team:

Betty Jenewin, Paul Marr,
Chris Ryan, & Frank Sweetser

Facebook Moderator:

Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Church Photographer:

Betty Jenewin

Greeter & Connection Team:

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

Sunday, December 17

10 AM Solstice Service:
The Pull Together Morning
4 PM Vespers Service:
A Christmas Carol Revisited
Followed by Annual Vespers Tea

**Please see the most recent Nugget
or the church website for all
Holiday Service information!**

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!

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!

UUCW Activity Calendar ~ December 10 - 17

Sunday, December 10 - Multi-Platform Worship & RE Classes at 10 am

11:45 am - 1:30 pm COA Class Lounge
7 - 8:30 pm Adult Faith Development Online - see website

Wednesday, December 13

10:30 am - noon Kindred Conversations Lounge
Noon - 1:30 pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting Room 1

Saturday, December 16

2 - 5 pm Garden-On Team Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 17 Worship & RE at 10 am, Worship at 4 pm

See other side for 10 am & 4 pm holiday service, and see below for Vespers Tea info

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



2023 Holiday Vespers Team Sign-Ups! We are also looking for help with Vespers Tea Teams! We will be setting up 2 hours prior to the start of service. Can you come early and set up tables and/or help with plating? Are you available to help set out food after the service? Who wants to serve tea water, coffee, or festival punch? Lastly, we need all to help clean up so no one has to stay late. Thank you for your time and consideration in helping us make this "The Best Vespers Ever!" For more Vespers Tea info and to sign up for a Vespers Team, please visit the church website at <https://signup.com/go/bJAVwXg> or scan the QR code!



THE OFFERING LAST WEEK

<i>Sunday, Dec. 3 pledges</i> = \$3,260.00	<i>Sunday, Dec. 3 offering</i> = \$207.00
<i>FY2024 Pledges to date</i> = \$70,660.00	<i>FY2024 offering to date</i> = \$3,464.00
<i>Budgeted FY2024 Pledges to date</i>	<i>Budgeted FY2024 offering to date</i>
= \$83,200.00	= \$3,213.00

OFFICE INFORMATION

Office Hours: Office Hours will be Monday and Wednesday 9 am – 3 pm; Thursday 9 am – 2 pm. Jen works from home on Tuesdays from 9 am – 3 pm to accommodate office access needs for other staff. She is available by phone (508-853-1942 ext 102) and email (office@uucworchester.org) as usual on Tuesdays.

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.

Regularly Scheduled UUCW Events/ Community Groups

Addressing Racism Group

E/O Fri, 10 am - noon, Meeting Room 2

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, Meeting Room 3

Get Out The Vote Team

2nd Thurs, 6:15 - 7:15 pm, Zoom

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Setup

3rd Fri, 4 - 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, Lounge

Men's Group

4th Fri, 7 pm, Meeting Room 1

Side With Love Task Force

1st & 3rd Tues, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Zoom

Staff Meeting

Mon, 10 am - noon, Meeting Room 1

Women's Social Circle

2nd & 4th Sat, Fellowship Hall/Off-site

Community & Support Groups:

AI-Anon Adult Children (ACOA)

Thurs., 7:30 pm, Meeting Room 1

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Fri., 8 pm, Lounge

DBSA Alliance Support Group

Mon., 7 pm, Lounge

Debtors Anonymous (DA)

Tues., 7 pm, Meeting Room 1

League of Women Voters Board

2nd Mon, 5:30-7:30 pm, Fell. Hall

NAMI Support Group (Starts Nov. 7, 2023)

1st & 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm, Lounge

ONE Worcester

3rd Wed, 6 - 8 pm, Mtg Rm 1

Overeaters Anonymous

Sat., 7:30 am, Meeting Room 1

WGLN/ESW Rainbow Lunch/Dinner Group

2nd & 4th Wed, 12-2 pm/1st Wed, 4:30-6, FH

Worcester Community Drum Circle

4th Fri, 7 - 9 pm, FH

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION & EDUCATION

Religious Education: 10 - 11:15 am; *Youth*

Group: 6 - 8 pm, Fellowship Hall

For information on UUCW RE programs, please email the RE program at uucwre@gmail.com

Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester

140 Shore Drive, Worcester, MA 01605-3117

(508) 853-1942 · office@uucworchester.org · www.uucworchester.org

Office Hours: M, W: 9 am - 3 pm; Th: 9 am - 2 pm (Tues 9 - 3 remote)