



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, January 1, 2023

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Seasonal Selections* Deb Bonneau, Pianist

Chalice Lighting *Why We're Here* by Erik Walker Wikstrom

Welcome

Opening Words *Thresholds* by Arlen Goff

✳ Opening Hymn #1017 *Building A New Way*
by Martha Sandefer, arr. Jim Scott

Story for All Ages *A Free and Responsible Search:
The Story* adapted from Frances Manly

Offertory *Seasonal Selections*
(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 *Seasonal Selections*

Sermon Part I *Brave New Words: Beginning Again*
Rev. Jennifer Innis

✳ Hymn #145 *As Tranquil Streams* by Marion Franklin Ham

Sermon Part II *Brave New Words: Under Construction*

✳ Closing Hymn #318 *We Would Be One*
by Samuel Anthony Wright

Benediction

Postlude *Seasonal Selections*

✳ 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:

Bruce Leshay & Frank Sweetser

Facebook Moderator:

Rev. Cheryl Leshay

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

Sunday, January 8
What's Your Question?

Sunday, January 15
What He Dreamed Be Ours To Do

Sunday, January 22
The Critical Nature of Compassion

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 ~ January 1 - 8

Sunday, January 1 - Multiplatform Worship & RE at 10 am

Friday, January 6

11 am - 3 pm Social Threads Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 8 - Multiplatform Worship & RE at 10 am

11:45 am - 3:30 pm Teen OWL Lounge, MR 1,2,3

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.



Guest Minister Rev. Jen Innis Once again we are delighted to welcome Rev. Jennifer Innis back to the pulpit at UUCW. Rev. Innis joins us from Peoria, IL where she enjoys life with her spouse the Reverend Patrick Price and their children, Nate and Abby. She is happy to be the minister with the Universalist Unitarian Church of Peoria. She also is the Director for Spirit Play, a story-based program for young children in Unitarian Universalism. Rev. Innis is thrilled to return to the UU Church Worcester and offer worship at the church of her youth.



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UUCW Book Club: Wednesday, January 11th at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall we will discuss Walter Isaacson's *"The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, gene editing, and the future."* The book traces the discovery of DNA and RNA, the creation of the COVID vaccine through the work of Nobel Prize winner scientist Jennifer Doudna and others. You're welcome if you haven't finished the book, and even if you've not read it but want to listen in on the discussion. Life is just a series of obstacles preventing you from reading your book! Contact the Book Club atbookgroup@uucworchester.org if interested in joining us and to get a copy of the current reading list. All readers are welcome!

8th Principle Workshop Please SAVE THE DATE, Sunday, January 22, 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. for an 8th Principle workshop with Paula Cole Jones, "Building a Culture of Inclusion." This will be a hybrid (Zoom or in-person at UUCW), interactive workshop towards creating cultural change. Pizza break included. Suggested voluntary donation of \$10-\$20 to help cover workshop costs. For more information about the 8th principle at UUCW, visit the church website.

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. Also, Jen will be on vacation from December 23 -January 1. Regular office hours will resume on January 2.

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.