



# 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 Jenewein

**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 of Worcester and offer worship at the church of her youth.



## UUCW Holiday Emergency Fund Drive 2022

In 2021 UUCW contributed \$4643.00 to assist families in need in our congregation and community. This money helped pay for homelessness outreach, food, medicine, temporary shelter, utilities, holiday gifts, and transportation. Funds were collected from members and friends of the congregation as well as other communities who partnered with us to provide this outreach. During the Winter Holiday season we strive to replenish this fund. There are two ways that we accomplish this. First, the children's "change for change" collection which had been a weekly ritual during Sunday morning worship gives those attending Sunday morning worship a weekly opportunity to contribute. Additionally, we invite a special offering during the Holiday services (Solstice – New Years) when we invite you to contribute directly to the fund with one of the envelopes provided. In addition, you may contribute to this effort electronically by visiting <https://my.simplegive.com/app/giving/unit90h215> and choosing "Emergency Fund (#4260)" from the Fund drop-down menu. Your contribution makes a huge difference in the lives of the families we serve!

### 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@uucworcester.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.

### Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester

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### 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.

### 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](mailto:uucwre@gmail.com)

### 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.