



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, September 28, 2025

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Prelude by Music Director Matthew Johnsen, Piano*

Chalice Lighting

Choral Introit *Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Get Me Down*
UUCW Choir

Welcome Beckley Schowalter

Opening Words

* **Opening Hymn #1009** *Meditation on Breathing*

Change for Change Collection

Religious Exploration Teacher Dedication

Sending Song

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

Reflection *Carefilled Consumption* Rev. Aaron Payson

Offertory *Song Without Words* by Matthew Johnsen
(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 *La file aux cheveux de Lin* by Claude Debussy

* **Closing Hymn #1031** *Filled with Loving-Kindness*

Benediction

Choral Postlude *Peace, Salaam, Shalom*

* 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:

Beckley Schowalter

Audio-Visual Team:

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

Online Hospitality:

Dawn Doud &
Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Church Photographer:

Betty Jenewin

Greeter & Connection Team:

Nancy Baffa and Maya Desai

Fellowship Hour Sponsor:

UUCW Bell Choir

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, September 28

Homecoming Sunday
Carefilled Consumption

Sunday, October 5

The Three R's of Tikkun

Sunday, October 12

Indigenous People's Day
The Legacy of Discovery

Sunday, October 19

Choosing Presence Over Projection

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 ~ September 28 - October 5

Sunday, September 28 - Multi-Platform Worship at 10 am

11 am - 1 pm Garden-On Plant Sale Outdoors
11:30 am - 12:30 pm Get Out The Vote Event Lounge

Thursday, October 2

5:30 - 8 pm WBDC Meeting Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 5 - Multi-Platform Worship & 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!



Get Out The Vote Team Candidate Discussion today after Coffee Hour

At the end of Rally Sunday Coffee Hour, join the Get Out the Vote Team in the Lounge till 12:30 or so for a discussion about the candidates for the upcoming Municipal election. Another opportunity will be on Sunday, October 19th. What issues are you most concerned about? Members of the GOTV Team will not be making any endorsements but may share their personal opinions and invite your feedback as well.

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*: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6 - 8 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 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, 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.

Regularly Scheduled UUCW Events/ Community Groups

Addressing Racism Group

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

Bell Choir

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

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

Co-dependents Anonymous (CODA)

Mon, 7 - 8:30, Meeting Room 3

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 SEPT. 21

<i>Sunday, September 21 pledges</i>	= \$12,312
<i>FY2026 Pledges to date</i>	= \$39,305
<i>Budgeted FY2026 Pledges</i>	= \$211,570
<i>% of way towards Budget Goal</i>	19%

<i>Sunday, September 21 offering</i>	= \$178
<i>FY2026 offering to date</i>	= \$2,295
<i>Budgeted FY2026 offering</i>	= \$10,000
<i>% of way towards Budget Goal</i>	23%

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