ORDER of SERVICE
for Sunday, March 16, 2025

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Spiegel im spiegel* by Arvo Partt
JaganNath Khalsa, Violin

Chalice Lighting #473 *Love Is The Spirit of This Church*

Introit *Amazing Grace* UUCW Bell Ensemble
Led by Kathleen Nagy

Welcome and Opening Words words by Chris Anderson

Hymn *More Love, More Love* Trad. Shaker Hymn

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.

Musical Offering
Five Hebrew Love Songs (I - III) by E. Whitaker & H. Pittman
UUCW Choir & JaganNath Khalsa, Violin

Reading From *Infectious Generosity* by Chris Anderson

Reflection *More Love: Infectious Generosity*
Music Director Matthew Johnsen

50/50 Collection to benefit One Worcester
Helen Segil, Executive Director

Offertory *Londonderry Aire* Kathleen Nagy, French Horn
(Newcomers: please accept this service as our gift to you.
Do not feel obligated to participate in the offering at this time.)

Stewardship Moment Testimonial by Pauline Courchesne

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Meditation *Five Hebrew Love Songs (IV - V)*

Litany #557 *A Common Destiny*

❋ **Closing Hymn #212** *More Love* by Matthew Johnsen

Benediction

❋ 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:
Moira Rouse

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 & Maya Desai

Fellowship Hour Sponsor:
All of us!

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

Sunday, March 23
Guest Minister Rev. Sarah Person

Sunday, March 30
Annual Youth Group Service

Sunday, April 6
Guest Minister Rev. Micheal Hall

Sunday, April 13
Guest Speaker
Chaplain Kye Flannery

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 ~ March 16 - 23

Sunday, March 16 - Multi-Platform Worship & RE at 10 am

11:30 am - 12:30 pm	RE Parent Presentation	Lounge

Friday, March 21

9 am - 9 pm	Social Threads Retreat	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 22

9 am - 5 pm	Social Threads Retreat	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 23 - Multi-Platform Worship & RE at 10 am

1 - 5 pm	Social Threads Retreat	Fellowship Hall

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

Social Threads Quilting and Sewing Community Retreat – Friday March 21 – Sunday March 23 Please join us for our Social Threads Retreat. This is a come and go retreat on Fri March 21, Sat March 22, and our regular meet-up date of Sunday March 23. It is a fun gathering with shared projects, food, and laughter! Bring your own work too, something you've been meaning to get finished or to begin creating. Our special projects offered for you to check out (no mandatory participation here!) Upcycled clothing/ wearable art, eyeglass or rotary cutter case, easy flowy jacket. Also, we are bringing in a quilt challenge piece "Let's Dance". Contact Robin for more info! socialthreads.quilting@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@uucworcester.org) as usual on Tuesdays, unless she is handing 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.uucworcester.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 Fri, 10 am - noon, Meeting Room 2
Bell Choir
Monday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 9 - 9:30 am, Sanctuary
COA-Adults Small Group
E/O Wed, 6 - 8 pm, Lounge
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, Fellowship Hall
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, Fellowship Hall
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

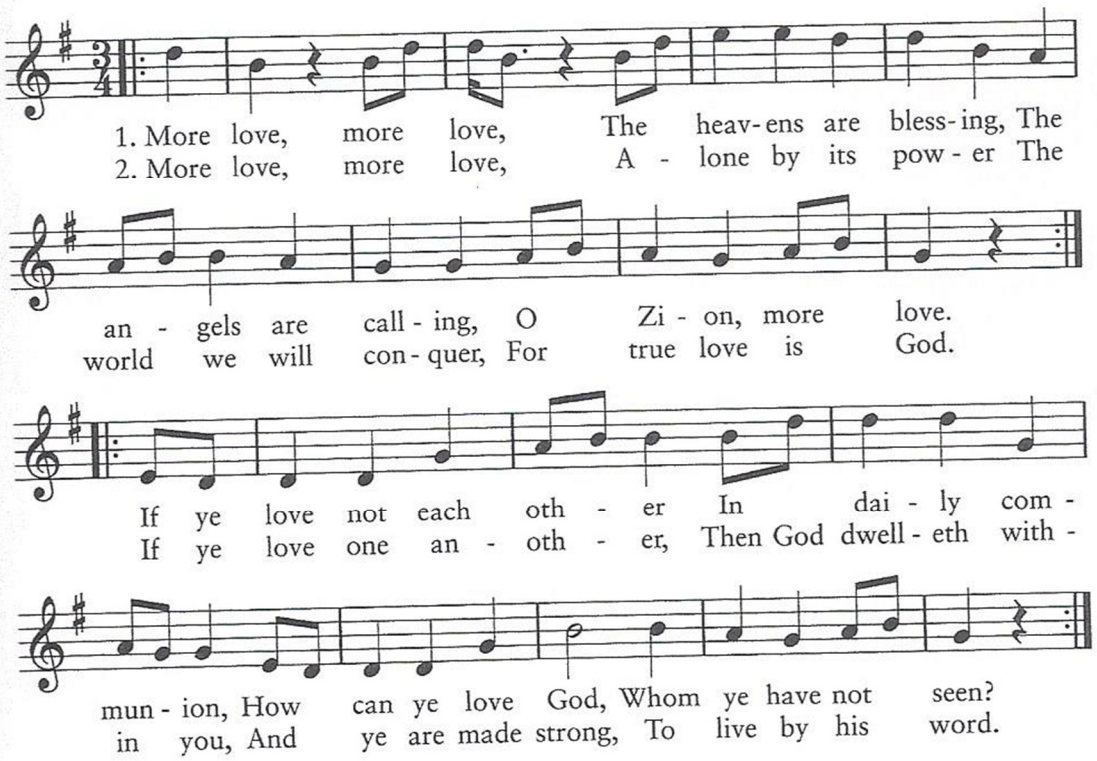
Community & Support Groups:
Al-Anon Adult Children (ACOA)
Thurs., 7:30 pm, Meeting Room 1
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
Fri., 8 pm, Lounge
"Betty Machete" Women's Ukulele Group
E/O Mon, 7 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Co-dependents Anonymous (CODA)
Mon, 7 - 8:30, Meeting Room 3
Debtors Anonymous (DA)
Tues., 7 pm, Meeting Room 1
NAMI Support Group
1st & 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
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

Religious Exploration & Education

Religious Education: 10 - 11:15 am; *Youth Group*: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6 - 8 pm, Fellowship Hall
For information on UUCW RE programs, please email the RE program at uucwre@gmail.com

224 More Love, More Love

Words and music: Shaker hymn



Five Hebrew Love Songs by Erik Whittaker & Hila Pitmann

I. TEMUNÁ (A PICTURE)
A picture is engraved in my heart;
Moving between light and darkness:
A sort of silence envelopes your body,
And your hair falls upon your face just so.

II. KALÁ KALLÁ (LIGHT BRIDE)
Light bride
She is all mine,
And lightly
She will kiss me!

III. LARÓV (MOSTLY)
"Mostly," said the roof to the sky,
"the distance between you and I is endlessness;
But a while ago two came up here,
And only one centimeter was left between us."

IV. ÉYZE SHÉLEG! (WHAT SNOW!)
What snow!
Like little dreams
Falling from the sky.

V. RAKÚT (TENDERNESS
He was full of tenderness;
She was very hard.
And as much as she tried to stay thus,
Simply, and with no good reason,
He took her into himself,
And set her down
In the softest, softest place.

Closing Hymn *More Love* by Matthew Johnsen

1. Alone we grapple with all that life sends us, the weight of world troubles, friends; difficulties. They threaten to drown us, pull down our defenses,
But we live with each other in blessed harmony. We draw from each other, we have one another, we trust one another as the source of more love.

REFRAIN: More love for creation, More love for the hardship, More love to inspire us, More love to lift up. Love eases the heartbreak, love lights up the daybreak, love helps us to meet each challenge each day.

2. Together we're mighty, we are stronger than sadness. Together we conquer and find a new way. When we reach to another, we lift up their needs, When we act with compassion, we can build a new way.

REFRAIN

3. When we open our fields to nourish the hungry, When we share what
we know, we broaden all minds. We build new ways of sharing earth's
bounty in kindness; we trust in the goodness of seeds planted deep. In
kindness we tarry with faith and good hope to build a world filled with
goodness and lives filled with joy.

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4. No need to abandon the sad and the lonely No need to deny those who hunger and thirst. Together we find that the world's greatest problems dissolve in an instant when met with pure love.

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