



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, April 16, 2023

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude The Theme from *Schindler's List* by John Williams
Music Director Matthew Johnsen

Chalice Lighting *Blessed Are We* Anne Armstrong
by Andrea Hawlins-Kamper

Choral Introit *Al Shlosha D'varim* UUCW Choir
by Allan Naplan

Welcome Wendy O'Leary

Opening Words *Hymn for the Hurting* Dianne Mann
by Amanda Gorman

✧ **Opening Hymn #1051** *We Are...*

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.

Reading *Homesick* by Anonymous

Offertory *Prelude* by Ernst Bloch David Schowalter
(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 *Prelude* by Ernst Bloch

Reflection *Remembering as Resistance* Rev. Aaron Payson

Litany #721 *They Are With Us Still*

✧ **Closing Hymn #1043** *Székely Áldás*

Benediction

Postlude *Prelude Op.32 Number 10* by Sergei Rachmaninov

✧ Please stand in body or in spirit

SERVICE NOTES

*Thanks to this morning's
Volunteers:*

Worship Associates:

Anne Armstrong, Dianne Mann,
Wendy O'Leary, & David Schowalter

In Person Audio Team:

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

Facebook Moderator:

Sue Neaz

Church Photographer:

Betty Jenewin

Greeter & Connection Team:

Linda Morse & Maya Desai

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, April 23

For The Earth Forever Turning

Sunday, April 30

Annual Music Sunday Service
The Creative Act - A Way of Being
Music Director Matthew Johnsen

Sunday, May 7

*Our Second Nature:
On Creative Being*

Mother's Day Sunday, May 14

*Insights from the
Hill Top and Wilderness*

Sunday, May 21

Worship Arts Sunday
Rev. Cheryl Leshay

FELLOWSHIP INFO

Please! No food or drink in the
sanctuary during the service.

11:15 AM: fully-hosted coffee hour
with snacks provided by a group at
the church.

UUCW Activity Calendar ~ April 16 - 23

Sunday, April 16 - Multi-Platform Worship and RE Classes at 10 am
 Noon - 2 pm O'Leary Workshop Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 21
 6 - 9 pm Garden-On Team Event Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 22
 10 am - 5 pm Lounge Clean-Up Lounge

Sunday, April 23 - Multi-Platform Worship and RE Classes at 10 am
 1 - 5 pm Veal Memorial Service Fellowship Hall

Please visit the Church Calendar for more events by going to the website at www.uucworchester.org, scrolling to the bottom and clicking the Church Calendar icon on the left, or scan the QR box with your smartphone!



Growing Self-Compassion with Wendy O'Leary – Today, Sunday April 16, Noon (after Coffee Hour)
 Friends of ALL AGES- please join in on April 16th, following coffee hour in Fellowship Hall for an excellent program brought to us by our own Wendy O'Leary.



Together, we will be planting seeds to grow self-compassion as Wendy guides us through the practices she is writing and teaching about. This is a free program for our friends of ALL AGES. Wendy's book will be available for purchase if desired.

Wendy O'Leary is a long time member of UUCW. She is a certified meditation teacher, educator, and author of three children's books including her most recent book, *It's OK: Being Kind To Yourself When Things Feel Hard*. She teaches children mindfulness, self-compassion and skills for emotional resilience and well-being. In addition to her work with children, Wendy teaches classes on mindfulness, happiness, and well-being for adults.

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.

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!

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. Please see Message for changes in office hours based on medical needs.

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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UUCW Events/Community Groups

Choir Rehearsal
 Sunday, 9 - 9:30 am & 12:15 - 12:45 pm

Evening Book Club
 2nd Wed, 7 - 8:30 pm, Lounge

Get Out The Vote Team
 2nd Thurs, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Zoom

Knitting Group
 Every other Wednesday, 7 - 9 pm, MR3

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Setup
 3rd Fri, 4 - 10 pm, Fell Hall

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
 3rd Sat, 9 am - noon, Fell Hall

Lunch With the Minister
 1st Wed, Noon-1:15 pm, Lounge

Men's Group
 4th Fri, 7 pm, Meeting Room 1

Monday Meditation Group
 9:30 - 11:30 am, Zoom

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

Al-Anon Adult Children of Alcoholics
 Thurs., 7:30 pm, Meeting Room 1

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
 Fri., 8 pm, Lounge

Debtors Anonymous (DA)
 Tues., 7 pm, Meeting Room 1

Greater Worc. Humanists
 2nd Tues, 6:30 pm F.Hall

League of Women Voters Board
 2nd Mon, 5:30-7:30 pm, Fell. Hall

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

Overeaters Anonymous
 Sat., 7:30 am, Meeting Room 1

REC Farmer's Market (June - Dec)
 Thurs, 10:30 - 11:30 am, Front Lot/FH

WGLN Rainbow Lunch
 2nd & 4th Wed, 12 - 2 pm FH

Worcester Community Drum Circle
 4th Fri, 7 - 9 pm, FH

THE OFFERING LAST WEEK

<i>Sunday, April 9 pledges</i>	= \$3,345.00
<i>FY2023 Pledges to date</i>	= \$139,227.23
<i>Budgeted FY2023 Pledges to date</i>	= \$142,556.45
<i>Sunday, April 9 offering</i>	= \$117.00
<i>FY2023 offering to date</i>	= \$9,286.78
<i>Budgeted FY2023 offering to date</i>	= \$6,586.67

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