



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, May 7, 2023

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Wake Now My Senses* arr. Clif Hardin
Music Director Matthew Johnsen

Chalice Lighting *In the Soft Light of This Flame*
by Rev. Scott Taylor

Choral Introit *Child's Play* by Clif Hardin

Welcome & Opening Words *Creation is Messy*
by Rev. Laurel Mendes

✧ **Opening Hymn #288** *All Are Architects*

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 "When you create..." by Lucia Capacchione

Offertory *Anniversary* by Clif Hardin
(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 *Meditation* by Clif Hardin

Reflection *Our Second Nature: On Creative Being*
Rev. Aaron Payson

Litany *Let Us Sing the Magic of Imagination*
by Susan L. Van Dreser

✧ **Closing Hymn** *Creative Mind*

Benediction *The Blessing of Creativity*
by Rev. Barbara Wells

Postlude *Sarabande* by Clif Hardin

All-Church Photo (please gather on the lawn in front of the church for the all-church photo)

✧ Please stand in body or in spirit

SERVICE NOTES

*Thanks to this morning's
Volunteers:*

Worship Associates:

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

Mother's Day Sunday, May 14

*Insights from the
Hill Top and Wilderness*

Sunday, May 21

Worship Arts Sunday
Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Sunday, May 28

Memorial Day Sunday
When Will the Fighting Cease?

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 ~ May 7 - 14

Sunday, May 7 - Multi-Platform Worship and RE Classes at 10 am

Wednesday, May 10

Noon - 1:30 pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting Room 1

Friday, May 12

10 - 11:30 am Investment Committee Meeting Room 2

Sunday, May 14 - Multi-Platform Worship and RE Classes at 10 am

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!



May 7th – May 28 Check out our RE Art Show- Art and Activism, Fellowship Hall 11:15. During our church year, the RE children and youth have been involved with RE lessons and discussions which have focussed on UU Principles and Sources. In turn, there have been many works of art made which illustrate how our participants chose to visually represent those specific areas of exploration. We call it Art and Activism. Come check it out and leave your comments on our "graffiti board."



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

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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

Sunday, April 30 pledges = \$4,045.83
FY2023 Pledges to date = \$150,155.06
Budgeted FY2023 Pledges to date = \$151,656.44

Sunday, April 30 offering = \$255.00
FY2023 offering to date = \$10,062.53
Budgeted FY2023 offering to date = \$7,066.67

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

Litany

Let us sing the magic of imagination
by Susan L Van Dreser

Let us sing the magic of imagination
by which we know one another

and learn the lives of eras gone by.
Let us sing the magic of creation

by which we build the world of our soul
and teach its wisdom to others,
young and old.

Let us sing the magic of our lives
together,
holding and shaping by the
movement of breath

from heart to lung all new life that is to
come.
Go now with singing.

Go now with magic in your fingertips.
Touch this world with life.

Creative Mind (Closing Hymn)

Creative Mind, Blessed companion,
I hear your voice when I arise.
Help me to hear, midst pain and struggle,
Help me find words that give me a
choice.

You are within us a constant presence,
Somehow equipped with what we need.
If we but listen, turn our ears inward,
Our hearts respond, provide the seed.

Creative mind, blessed companion,
We hear your voice, when we arise.
Help us to hear, midst calm and beauty,
Help us find peace, and our hands a
voice.

Our world a wonder, filled with delight
Color and sound, and taste and love,
The world within us, a constant presence,
Somehow equipped by powers above.

Creative mind, blessed companion,
show us your voice, when we arise.
May you still guide us, may you still
guard us
Throughout our long and creative lives.

Sunday Evening Adult Faith Development – Spirit of Life Workshops – Sunday May 7, 7 pm

On Sunday, May 7, the Sunday Evening Adult Faith Development Program will begin exploring the workshop series Spirit of Life.

The UUA Tapestry of Faith program describes the series saying “Spirit of Life workshops offer participants space, time, and community to explore their Unitarian Universalist spirituality. Each focuses on a different aspect of the spiritual life, framed by the lyrics of Carolyn McDade’s song “Spirit of Life.” Like the song, the workshops are designed to be welcoming to Unitarian Universalists of many spiritual

and theological persuasions. Participants are invited to claim an inclusive definition of spirituality and recognize the spiritual aspects of their lives. Reflecting, speaking, and listening are core activities in each workshop. To join the discussion please register visit the church website at <https://www.uucworcester.org/2023-05-07-uucw-afd-spirit-of-life-workshops/>. For more information about this program please contact minister@uucworcester.org.

