



ORDER of SERVICE - for Sunday, September 25, 2022

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Welcome Home* Deb Bonneau, Pianist
by Jacobson & Huff

Unison Chalice Lighting #434

Introit *Teach Your Children Well* by Crosby & Stills

Welcome

Opening Words #439 *We Gather in Reverence* William Derr

*** Opening Hymn #1** *May Nothing Evil Cross This Door*

Change for Change Collection

Teacher Dedication Ceremony

Sending Song

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

Offertory *You've Got a Friend* by Carole King

(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 *I Will Be Your Friend*

Reflection *From Be-Longing to Belonging* Rev. Aaron R. Payson

Litany #444 *This House*

*** Closing Hymn #368** *Now Let Us Sing*

Benediction #694 words by Frederick E. Gillis

Postlude *Ashokan Farewell* by Jay Ungar

*** 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:*

Worship Associates:

William Derr

Audio-Visual Team:

Betty Jenewin, Paul Marr
& Frank Sweetser

Facebook Moderator:

Sue Neaz

Church Photographer:

Betty Jenewin

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, October 2
The Courage of Oneness

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 25 - October

Sunday, September 25 - Multi-Platform Worship Svc/RE Classes at 10 am

11:45 am- 3:30 pm	Teen OWL	Lounge/MR 1,2,3
7 - 8:30 pm	Inquirers Series	Zoom

Saturday, October 1

1 - 3:30 pm	Memorial Service	Sanctuary
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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.



Inquirers Series Begins Sunday, September 25, 2022

7-00 – 8:30 pm (online) w/ Rev. Aaron Payson

Join us as we begin an 8 session series that introduces participants to various aspects of UUCW and Unitarian Universalism. This series is open to anyone who wants to deepen their understanding about who we are as a congregation and a liberal religious movement at this moment in history. The series is designed to offer individual sessions so prior participation is not required. Participants will gather online. Please see the most recent Message or the website for details. To register for these sessions and receive the link for online participation please visit the church website. Please contact minister@uucworcester.org with any questions about this program.

2022 Holden Crop Walk - Sign-up Starts Today! - Linda Morse

At Last... The Holden Crop Walk for Hunger is happening October 16 with no restrictions. During Coffee Hour I will have sign-up/pledge sheets and literature in Fellowship Hall, and asking for a few volunteers for the day of the walk. Please see me if you have any questions.

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.

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.

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

Choir Rehearsal

Th, 7 - 8:30 PM
Sunday, 9 - 9:30 am

Evening Book Club

2nd Wed, 7 - 8:30 pm, Lounge

Get Out The Vote Team

2nd Thurs, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Zoom

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Setup

3rd Fri, 4 - 10 pm, Fell Hall

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3rd Sat, 10 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, Off-Site/Zoom

Al-Anon Adult Children (ACOA)

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

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, September 18 pledges	= \$1,475.00
FY2022 Pledges to date	= \$31,804.00
Budgeted FY2022 Pledges to date	= \$41,708.27

Sunday, September 18 offering	= \$129.00
FY2022 offering to date	= \$547.63
Budgeted FY2022 offering to date	= \$1,200.00

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

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.

Teacher Dedication

Written by Rev Barbara Wells - Adapted by Robin Mitzcavitch

RE Representative:

On this first day of Religious Exploration Classes, I wanted to take a moment to dedicate and commission those among us who have chosen to take on the important responsibility of teaching our young ones. **At this time, I would invite all those here who are going to teach, advise, or mentor this year at UUCW to stand in body or spirit.**

To you as teachers, let me say this: In taking on the responsibility, you have committed yourselves to nurturing the spirits of the youngest members of this congregation. Do you promise now, before them and this congregation, to do your best to honor them, teach them, and nurture their religious exploration and growth as Unitarian Universalists?

Answer: We Do

Children and young people stand in body or spirit: Do you, the children and young people of UUCW promise to honor, respect, and nurture these teachers with your hearts and with your minds?

Answer: We Do

MINISTER:

Would the congregation please stand in body or spirit: Do you, the congregation of UUCW, promise these teachers and students your support, knowing that religion cannot be explored only in a classroom, but must also be encouraged in the home and in the community and beyond?

Answer? We Do

Take up the challenge of good work. May you have fun, grow and explore together, and be a continuing example of the importance of religious exploration and education both to us gathered here, and to the world beyond. May you be lifted up by the spiritual practice of teaching and learning and growing together- Amen and Blessed Be

You May be Seated