



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, May 10, 2026

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude/Processional *One Voice* by The Wailin' Jennys
Please Welcome our 2026 class of COA Teens and their Mentors.

Chalice Lighting COA Class

Welcome Robin Mitzcavith, Director of Religious Exploration

✳ **Opening Hymn #1051** *We Are*

8th Principle Moment Rachel Keyo, 8th Principle Team

Responsive Reading #652 *The Great End in Religious Instruction*
Robin Mitzcavitch & COA Mentors

Thank you to our mentors who supported our COA teens all through the church year: Annie Armstrong, Nancy Baffa, Cori Henry, Cathy McDonagh, Meredith Neuman, Brian Russo, Jessie Trowbridge

About Coming of Age Robin Mitzcavitch

Offertory *Just One Person* from the musical *Snoopy* by L. Grossman
COA mentors featuring: Moira Rouse, Kim Napoleone
(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

COA Class Of 2022 Belief Statements Anya Sweetser, Sam Wagner, Cora Stolarski, Isaac Shuman, Easley Sweetser, Odin Barbour, Claire Murphy,
We will help the COA Teens through their statements using these words after every 2 statements are delivered: "We honor and support you on your journey."

Solo *Songs My Mother Taught Me* by Dvorak Carrie Reid-Knox, Soprano

COA Candle Lighting Ceremony Rev Aaron Payson and Robin Mitzcavitch
Anya Sweetser- Meredith Neuman
Sam Wagner -Cathy McDonagh
Cora Stolarski- Nancy Baffa
Isaac Shuman- Cori Henri
Easley Sweetser- Annie Armstrong
Odin Barbour-Brian Russo
Claire Murphy-Jessie Trowbridge

✳ **Closing Hymn #1074** *Turn The World Around*
Please substitute "The way it is" for "A-ba-tee-wah"

Blessing & Benediction for Mothers, Caregivers, & Graduates

Postlude Coming of Age Slideshow

✳ Please stand in body or in spirit

SERVICE NOTES

Our thanks to these volunteers

Worship Associates:

COA Class of 2026 & Mentors

Audio-Visual Team:

Ali Aslam, Kate Bejune,
Betty Jenewin, Paul Marr,
& Frank Sweetser

Online Hospitality:

Dawn Doud
& Rev. Cheryl Leshay

Church Photographer:

Betty Jenewin

Greeter & Connection Team:

Vicky Biancolo
& Vickie Cox-Lanyon

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
Unless otherwise noted,
Rev. Aaron Payson, Preaching

Sunday, May 17
Curing With Curiosity

Sunday, May 24
Memorial Day Sunday
Sound and Healing
Guest Speaker Kathy Nagy

Sunday, May 31
Mystery Matters

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 ~ May 10 - 17

Sunday, May 10 -Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

Saturday, May 16

2 - 4 pm Private Rental Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 10 -Multi-Format Worship and Rel. Exploration at 10 am

11:15 am All-Church Photo Outdoors
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!



UUCW Book Group – “The Pearl That Broke Its Shell” – May 13, 2026, 7 – 8:30 PM

The Book Group will meet next on Wednesday, May 13th at 7 PM in Classroom 3. We will discuss Nadia Hashimi’s “The Pearl That Broke Its Shell.” Using an ancient custom, a young woman tries to save her sisters. You’re welcome if you haven’t finished the book, and even if you’ve not read it but want to listen in on the discussion. Our books include fiction and non-fiction and are chosen by our members. Contact the Book Club at bookgroup@uucworchester.org if you’re interested in joining us and to get a copy of the current reading list. All readers are welcome.

2025-2026 All Church Photo – Sunday, May 17, 2026 After Worship!

Get your smiles on!

We’ll be taking our All-Church Photo on Sunday, May 17th, immediately after service. Rain date is May 31st.

Thank you to Drone Operator Extraordinaire, Owen Ryan!

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION & EDUCATION

10 - 11:15 am; Youth Group: 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, all meetings on Sunday. For information on UUCW RE programs, please email the RE program at

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!



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. She is available by phone (508-853-1942 ext 102) and email (office@uucworchester.org) from 9 am - 3 pm on Tuesdays, unless she is handling family medical needs.

Why does the Order of Service look different? As we get closer to the discontinuation of Publisher, the software we have used to put the Order of Service together for many years, we will be trying some new programs and fonts to see what works best. If you have trouble reading it, please let Jen know at office@uucworchester.org!

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 Tues., 10 am - noon, Mtg. Room 2

UUCW Bell Ensemble

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

Board of Management Meeting

2nd Monday, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Mtg. Room 1

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, 6:30 - 7:30 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

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, 4:15 - 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

WGLN/ESWA Rainbow Lunch Club

2nd, 3rd & 4th Wed, 12-1:30 pm

Worcester Community Drum Circle

4th Sat, 7 - 9 pm, FH

THE OFFERING THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 3

Sunday, May 36 pledges	= \$4,743
FY2026 Pledges to date	= \$172,928
Budgeted FY2026 Pledges	= \$211,570
% of way towards Budget Goal	82%

Sunday, May 3 offering	= \$507
FY2026 offering to date	= \$14,676
Budgeted FY2026 offering	= \$10,000
% of way towards Budget Goal	147%

Sunday, May 3 Change for Change	= \$32
Sunday, May 3 Coffee Hour	= \$16