



ORDER of SERVICE for Sunday, December 5, 2021

Believing in a community that unites all people

Pre-Service Quiet

Prelude *Prelude I* by Ernst Bloch
Matthew Johnsen, Music Director

Chalice Lighting words by Dawn Fortune

Choral Introit *Rock of Ages*

Welcome & Opening Words by Lorenzo Bassman

* **Opening Hymn #221** *Light One Candle*

Religious Exploration Moment

Reading words by Daniel Chesney Kanter

Offertory *Prelude II* by Ernst Bloch
(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 Improvisation on
How Can I Keep From Singing

Reflection *Standing on the Rock of Ages*
Rev. Aaron Payson

Litany *Each Candle a Miracle* by Amanda Udis-Kessler

* **Closing Hymn #223** *Rock of Ages*

Benediction words by Gwen Matthews

Postlude *Processional* by Ernst Bloch

* 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:*

In Person Audio Team:
Paul Marr & Frank Sweetser

Facebook Moderator:
Rev. Cheryl Leshay

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

December 12, 2021

Journey Toward Wholeness

*Please see other side for Holiday
Services Schedule!*

FELLOWSHIP INFO

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

Due to COVID response,
Fellowship Hour will take place
outdoors at this time.

UUCW Activity Calendar ~ December 5 - 12

Sunday, December 5 - Multi-platform Worship & RE at 10 am

Sunday, December 12 - Multi-platform Worship & RE at 10 am

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.



Annual Holiday Giving Tree Continues!

Please help decorate our Giving Tree with your donated hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. These items will be donated to folks in need. Place your items on the tree in the Sanctuary! Thank You!

Tidings of Comfort & Joy / The Joy of Holiday Giving Please visit the Church Website at www.uucworcester.org or see the most recent Message & Nugget for information about the **2021 Holiday Services**, and the **Annual Christmas Poinsettias**. Also look for information about the **Minister's Emergency Fund**, **Shoe Box Drive**, and **Holiday Lunch With The Minister** on December 15!

Litany Each Candle a Miracle by Amanda Udis-Kessler

We light the Hanukkah candles in wonder, joy, and gratitude, each candle a miracle.

When the Holy Temple was rededicated at the time of the Maccabean liberation battle, only one day's worth of oil remained, yet it burned for eight days so we light candles in remembrance.

We rededicate ourselves to the miracle of light in a season of darkness

to the miracle of trust in a time of anxiety

to the miracle of hope in a time of despair

to the miracle of faith in a time of cynicism.

We rededicate ourselves to the miracle of wholeness in a time of fracture

to the miracle of courage in a time of fear

to the miracle of resistance in a time of oppression

to the miracle of peace in a time of violence

and in a time of hatred we rededicate ourselves to the miracle of love.

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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2021 Holiday Services Schedule - Please see December 1 Nugget for Service Details!

*Minister's Emergency Fund Collection at all Holiday Services

December 19, 2021

*10 am - Annual Solstice Service
Tomten and the Fox
*4 pm - Annual Holiday Vespers Service
Be Ye Lamplights in the Darkness

Friday, December 24, 2021

*7 pm - Annual Christmas Eve Service
The Promise of Peace

*Sunday, December 26

A Christmas Kazoom! - On Zoom Only!

THE OFFERING - LAST WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 28 pledges	= \$3,518.00
FY2022 Pledges to date	= \$86,295.00
Budgeted FY2022 Pledges to date	= \$79,166.66

Sunday, Nov. 28 offering	= \$147.00
FY2022 offering to date	= \$4,085.03
Budgeted FY2022 offering to date	= \$1,997.54

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.