



"Believing in a community that unites all people"

Pre-Service Quiet

This is a time for quiet reflection and meditation. Many consider these few minutes to be an important part of their worship experience, thus we ask you to please observe loving silence. If you wish to converse at this time, we invite you to do so quietly in the foyer or lounge, not in the sanctuary. If moved to do so during the silence, you are welcome to light a candle and place it in the bowl at the front right, near the pulpit.

Prelude *For What It's Worth* by Stephen Stills

Chalice Lighting Beau Rivers, Ministerial Intern

Welcome Greg Aldrich

Opening Words

***Opening Hymn #131** *Love Will Guide Us*

Children's Collection

(Children are invited to attend Sunday School following the Collection)

Reading *2012 Community Poem of Compassion*
By the Citizens of Springfield, Missouri

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 - Special Candlelight Meditation

Please come forward to light a candle if you hold a joy or sorrow today. If you want a brief message spoken, please write it on an index card and bring it up with you. It will be read as part of this meditation.

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Reading #576 *Litany of Restoration*

Reflection *On Being Civil* Rev. Aaron Payson

***Closing Hymn #170** *We Are A Gentle Angry People*

***Benediction**

Postlude *Improvisation on We Are A Gentle Angry People*

SERVICE NOTES

(Our thanks to these volunteers)

Usher: Vickie Cox-Lanyon

Greeter: Lee Hill

Fellowship Hour Sponsors:
Green Team

UPCOMING SERVICES

Unless noted otherwise
Pre-Service Quiet & Prelude at 9:50 am
Worship Service and RE Classes at 10 am
Fellowship at 11:15 am
6 pm Soulful Sunday Service on 1st Sunday

**May 2015 Worship Theme -
Salvation**

Sunday May 3, 2015
10 am - Values Worth Keeping
Rev. Aaron Payson
6 pm Soulful Sundown
Blessing of the Animals

Sunday May 10, 2015
Mother's Day
Coming of Age Service
Coming of Age Class

Sunday May 17, 2015
On The Saving Grace of Sabbath
Rev. Aaron Payson

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

Please come to Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and an opportunity to learn more about our congregation. Look for Member Services ambassadors wearing "ASK ME ABOUT UUCW" pins; they are eager to welcome you.

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.

Please consider making a small donation to the coffee hour collection basket.

* Please stand in body or in spirit

UUCW Activity Calendar

April 26 - May 3

Sunday, April 26 - Worship at 10 am, no scheduled events

Tuesday, April 28

2 - 3:30 pm Investment Committee Meeting Room 2

Wednesday, April 29

7 - 9 pm Racism Workshop Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 1

11 am - 1 pm Parish Service Committee Meeting Room 1

Saturday, May 2

8:30 am - 11 am Pancake Breakfast Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 3 - Worship at 10 am & 6 pm

12:30 - 2:30 pm Inequality Workshop Fellowship Hall
 3:30 - 5:30 pm World Religions Course Meeting Room 1

Regularly Scheduled UUCW Events

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 9 - 9:45 am, Sanctuary

UUCW Evening Book Club

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

Hooks & Needles Group

Every other Tues, noon - 3 pm, MR 3

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

3rd Sat, 10 am - noon, Fell Hall

Lunch With the Minister

1st Wed, Noon-2 pm, Lounge

Meditation Group

Mon, 9:30 - 11 am, Lounge

Men's Group

2nd Fri, 7 - 10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Readers Unite Afternoon Book Group

1st Wed, 1:15 - 2:15 pm, Lounge

Sprout Parent Group

2nd Sunday 11:45 am - 1:15 pm, All MRs

UUCW Staff Meeting

Mon, 10 am - noon, DRE Office

Community Groups

Al-Anon Adult Children

Thurs., 7:30 pm, Lounge

Alcoholics Anonymous

(AA) Fri., 8 pm, MR 2

CentMA Lyme Support

2nd Sat 1 - 3 pm FH

Debtors Anonymous (DA)

Tues., 7 pm, Lounge

Greater Worc. Humanists

2nd Tues, 6:30-9 pm F.Hall

GWH Steering Comm.

1st Mon 7 - 9 pm Fell. Hall

Jericho Road Board

1st Mon 6 - 8 pm MR 3

Kundalini Yoga/S. Power

Mon, 6:30 - 8 pm, Lounge

MidMass Narcolepsy

EO/2nd Sat 11 - 2 Lounge

Overeaters Anonymous

Sat., 7:30 am, Lounge

1st Sat, 8:45-10:15 am,
Meeting Room 3

Rainbow Lunch Club

2nd & 4th Wed,

noon - 2 pm Fellowship Hall

Worc. Animal Rescue Lg

3rd Wed, 7:30 - 9:30 am,
Fellowship Hall

Worc Comm Drum Circle

Fourth Fri, 6 - 10 pm,
Fellowship Hall

Yoga & Pilates Classes

w/Nina Cerviatti

Mon., 6 - 8 pm, Fell. Hall

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 LGBTQI and Allies of 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sundays from Sept 21- June 7

Nursery Care: 10 - 11:15 in the Nursery

Religious Education: 10 - 11:15 am, meeting rooms

Coming of Age (COA): 11:45 am - 1 pm, Lounge

Grade 4 - 6 OWL: 11:45 am - 1 pm, Room 1

Youth Group: 6 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

For information on UUCW RE programs, please email Robin at robin.caracciolo@gmail.com

Pancake Breakfast Next Saturday!

Community Pancake Breakfast

8:30 - 11 AM

Tickets: \$7 (\$20 max. per family)

Sponsored by The Men's Group of UUCW!

"RACE: The Power of an Illusion" Video & Discussion Series - Next Video Wednesday April 29

The series will finish as follows:

Episode 3: *The House We Live In* -

"focuses not on individual behaviors and attitudes, but on how our institutions shape and create race, giving different groups vastly unequal life chances. Who defines race? In the early 20th century, the courts were called upon to determine who was white, employing contradictory logic to maintain the color line. After World War II, government policies and subsidies helped create segregated suburbs where Italians, Jews and other not-quite-white European ethnics were able to reap the full advantages of whiteness. The episode reveals some of the ordinary social institutions that quietly channel wealth and opportunity, so that white people benefit from a racist system without personally being racist. It concludes by looking at why we can't just get rid of race." *

This series is open to anyone interested in exploring the issue of race and racism in a safe environment in where diverse people and points of view are respected and where open-hearted and open-minded discussion of our differences is encouraged.

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Office Hours: M, T, W: 9 am - 3 pm; Th: 9 am - 2 pm