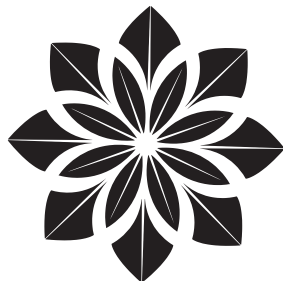


Our Teachers:

David Dae An Rynick, Roshi and Melissa Myozen Blacker, Roshi are our two resident Zen teachers. Both have been practicing Zen for over thirty years and are ordained Soto Zen Priests. David has received full Dharma Transmission from Zen Master George Bo Mun Bowman and Melissa has received full Dharma Transmission from James Myoun Ford, Roshi.

Also teaching regularly at Boundless Way Temple are Dharma Holder James Myosan Cordova and Diane Shoshin Fitzgerald, Osho, both of whom have received the first step of Dharma Transmission from Melissa. Other senior students of Boundless Way Zen also teach at the Temple, under the supervision of David and Melissa.



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Welcome Home

We warmly welcome you to Boundless Way Temple of Worcester MA, a place of Zen Buddhist training and practice. We invite you to join us as we come together in stillness and silence to awaken to the beauty and possibility of being fully human.

The Temple offers daily meditation practice, dharma talks, retreats, classes, workshops and opportunities to study with Zen teachers. Our practice is guided by our two resident teachers, Melissa Myozen Blacker, Roshi and David Dae An Rynick, Roshi along with Dharma Holder James Myosan Cordova.

The Temple is an affiliate of Boundless Way Zen, a school which teaches traditional Zen practices such as breath awareness, mindfulness practices, inquiry into the moment, shikantaza (just sitting) and koan practice. We are dedicated to helping every student find a meditation practice that fits their unique personality and deepest intention for awakening. We are committed to the continuing work of integrating our practice into daily life.

History and Organization

In 1993, Melissa and David gathered a few friends to practice meditation together in their home and later started a second meditation group at the First Unitarian Church of Worcester. In 2003 they joined with James Myoun Ford, Roshi to create Boundless Way Zen, a collaborative of Zen practice groups throughout New England. Now, along with James Ford and Josh Munen Bartok, Sensei, a Dharma heir of James Ford, they are the Guiding Teachers of Boundless Way Zen.

In 2009 the Boundless Way Temple began operation at its current location of 1030 Pleasant Street in Worcester. The Temple is now fully owned and operated by the Boundless Way Temple organization, a 501C3 tax-exempt religious organization that is an affiliate of Boundless Way Zen.

We are a membership organization. You do not have to be a member to practice with us, but we invite you to consider aligning with our mission and purpose by joining the Temple and making a financial pledge to our ongoing work. As a member, you are eligible to vote at our Annual Meeting in June where we elect officers and a Leadership Council to oversee the operation and mission of the Temple.

There is no charge for practicing with us, but we do invite you to contribute, as you are able.

Practice

Morning practice is held Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

All morning practice periods include sitting and walking meditation (zazen and kinhin) and a brief chanting service. Dokusan (individual meeting with a teacher or senior student) is offered every Friday morning.

Evening practice is held three nights per week:

Sunday – 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday – 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

All evening practice periods include sitting and walking meditation (zazen and kinhin) and a chanting service. Dokusan (individual meeting with a teacher or senior student) is offered on the first Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening of every month, as well as on the third and fifth Tuesday evening of every month. A dharma talk is offered during all other evening periods.

Our door opens 15 minutes before each practice period, for welcome and orientation. Please arrive 15 minutes early if you are new to the Temple or to Zen or meditation practice.

Classes and Special Events, Day-long Practice Periods and Residential Retreats

Please see the Temple website: www.worcesterzen.org for information about classes, special events and day-long practice periods, and to sign up to receive weekly updates. Through our parent organization, Boundless Way Zen, we also offer residential retreats at the Temple. Please see www.boundlesswayzen.org for retreat registration and information.

