

UU Church of Medford - April 5, 2020

Call to Worship – Rev. Natalie Malter

Welcome and Greeting – Carole Bundy

Chalice Lighting – *A Community of Faith*, words by Judith Quarles

Covenant

Love is the heart of this church.

We commit to:

Being a diverse, welcoming community of mutual care and respect;

Supporting each other's spiritual journey and search for truth and meaning;

Promoting justice and serving the wider community.

We hold ourselves to this promise with compassion and understanding.

Hymn #360 – *Here We Have Gathered*

Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;

circle of kinship, come and step inside!

May all who seek here find a kindly word;

may all who speak here feel they have been heard.

Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Here we have gathered, called to celebrate

days of our lifetime, matters small and great:

we of all ages, women, children, men,

infants and sages, sharing what we can.

Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Life has its battles, sorrows, and regret:

but in the shadows, let us not forget:

we who now gather know each other's pain;

kindness can heal us: as we give, we gain.

Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.

Time for All Ages: Mimi Olivier

Building Beloved Community

Hymn #1002 – Comfort Me

*Comfort me, comfort me,
comfort me, oh my soul.
Comfort me, comfort me,
comfort me, oh my soul.*

Sing with me, sing with me...

Dance with me, dance with me...

Speak for me, speak for me...

Comfort me, comfort me...

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones – Carole Bundy

Reading – from *Well Behaved Women Seldom Make History* by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich

Sermon – Rev. Natalie Malter

Sending Forth

Hymn #298 – We Are...

*For each child that's born,
a morning star rises and
sings to the universe
who we are. (2x)*

*We are our grandmothers' prayers
and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,
we are the breath of our ancestors,
we are the spirit of God.*

*We are mothers of courage and fathers of time,
we are daughters of dust and the sons of great visions,
we're sisters of mercy and brothers of love,*

*we are lovers of life and the builders of nations,
we're seekers of truth and keepers of faith,
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Closing Words

Parting Music - Alex Cumming