

UU Church of Medford - March 29, 2020

Call to Worship - words by Václav Havel

Welcome and Greeting – Brendan Shea

Chalice Lighting – *The Chalice Lit Among Us Is A Beacon*, words by Debra Faulk

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 #128 – *For All That Is Our Life*

*For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;
for all life is a gift which we are called to use
to build the common good and make our own days glad.*

*For needs with others serve, for services we give,
for work and its rewards, for hours of rest and love;
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.*

*For sorrow we must bear, for failures, pain, and loss,
for each new thing we learn, for fearful hours that pass:
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.*

*For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;
for all life is a gift which we are called to use
to build the common good and make our own days glad.*

Time for All Ages: Mimi Olivier & Rob Kinslow, *The Magic Rainbow Promises*

Building Beloved Community

Hymn #136 – *Where Gentle Tides Go Rolling By*

*Where gentle tides go rolling by along the salt sea strand,
the colors blend and roll as one together in the sand.
And often do the winds entwine to send their distant call.
The quiet joys of humankind, when love embraces all.*

*Where road and wheat together rise among the common ground,
the mare and stallion, light and dark, have thunder in their sound.
The rainbow sign, the blended flood still have my heart enthralled,
the quiet joys of what we share where love embraces all.*

*But we have come to plow the tides, the oat lies on the ground.
I hear their fires in the field, they drive the stallion down.
The roses bloom, both light and dark, the winds do seldom call.
The running sands recall the time when love embraces all.*

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones – Brendan Shea

Reading – from the movie *Adaptation*, screenplay by Charlie Kaufman

Sermon – Rob Kinslow

Sending Forth

Hymn #298 – *Wake, Now, My Senses*

*Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;
feel the deep power of being in all;
keep, with the web of creation your vow,
giving, receiving as love shows us how.*

*Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the new;
join with each pilgrim who quests for the true;
honor the beauty and wisdom of time;
suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.*

*Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;
voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,
praying and striving their hardship to end.*

*Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide;
join with all people whose rights are denied;
take not for granted a privileged place;
God's love embraces the whole human race.*

*Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear;
brighten my pathway with radiance here;
mingle my calling with all who will share;
work toward a planet transformed by our care*

Closing Words

Parting Music - Alex Cumming