

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

Thank you for joining us this morning! We recognize that you have many choices and we are grateful you chose to be with us. We invite you to sign the guest book in the vestibule, and to learn more about our church community, please visit our website: www.uumedford.org; Facebook: **Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford**; email: office@uumedford.org; or telephone (781) 396-4549.

UU Church of Medford welcomes everyone and is recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association as a Welcoming Congregation. This means that we are a church that is inclusive and expressive of the concerns of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons at every level of congregational life.

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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

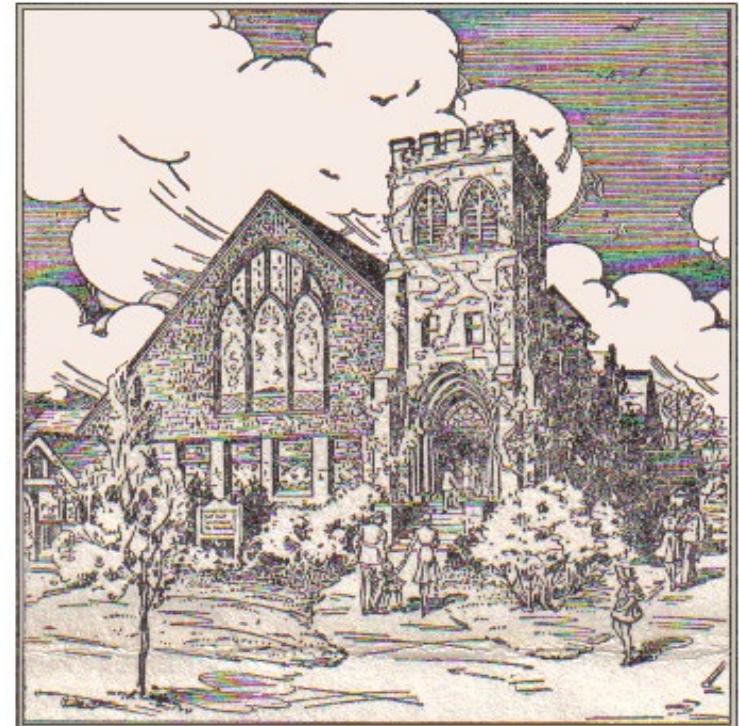
Worship Leaders: Rev. Bruce Taylor

Greeters/Ushers: Nick Sargent, Steve Schmidt

Tech Volunteers: Carolyn Cronin, Andey Amata, and Ann and Robert Heintz

Music: Molly Ruggles; UUCM Choir: Shaina Sawyer, Emma Greenough, Carole Bundy, Susan Jhirad, Andey Amata-Kynvi, Daric Dalfino, Dana MacNamee, and Michael Glenn

Sunday, November 21, 2021 *Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford*



Saying Grace and Giving Thanks

We are glad you are among us today.

To honor and be present to this sacred space and time,
please silence your cell phones.

***“Thankfulness is the soul of beneficence; abundance is
but the husk”***

~Jalal ad-Din Rumi

Morning Songs

#349 We Gather Together *Words: Dorothy C. and
Robert E. Senghas; Music: Adrian Valerius’
Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*

#21 For the Beauty of the Earth *Words: Folliott Sandford
Pierpoint; Music: Conrad Kocher*

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude **Prelude no. 15 in D flat (excerpt)** *Frédéric Chopin*

Call to Worship *Kalidasa*

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting *Andy Pakula*

◆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.

Harvest Communion

Reading **We Lift Up Our Hearts in Thanks**
Richard M. Fewkes

◆Hymn #51 **Lady Of the Seasons’ Laughter**
Words: Kendyl L. R. Gibbons; Music: David Hurd

A Time for All Ages

Growing Gratitude

Starring our very own youth!

Song of Blessing

Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the light of love surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Opportunity for Generosity

Music **Come Ye Thankful People Come** *George Job Elvey*

Offering response:

We are grateful for these gifts we have received,
that sustain us and affirm
the ministries of our church community.

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Hymn #164 **The Peace Not Past Our Understanding**
Words: John Holmes; Music: Alfred Morton Smith

Prayer or Meditation **Thanksgiving Blessing** *Starhawk*

Silent Meditation

Special Music **We Give Thanks** *Molly Ruggles
UUCM Choir*

Sermon **Saying Grace and Giving Thanks** *Rev. Bruce Taylor*

Hymn #331 **Life Is the Greatest Gift of All**
Words: William E. Oliver; Music: James Leith McBeth Bain

◆Community Closing and Benediction *Denise Levertov*

Postlude **When We Wend Homeward** *American Folk Melody*

◆You are invited to rise as you are able.