

Sunday, January 2, 2022
***Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford***

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.

Church Staff Ministries:

Rev. Bruce Taylor, Minister: minister@uumedford.org

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Jim Costello, Sexton

Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

Worship Leader: Rob Kinslow

Greeters/Ushers: Liz Ammons

Music: Molly Ruggles, Pianist

Tech Volunteers: April Evans, Carol Schachet



A Covenant of Renewal

We are glad you are among us today.

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

*All I know is that my life is better when I assume that people are
doing their best.*

*It keeps me out of judgment and lets me focus on what is,
and not what should or could be.*

Brené Brown

Morning Songs

Hymn #1008 **When Our Heart is in a Holy Place**
Joyce Poley

Hymn #168 **One More Step** *Joyce Poley & Grace
Lewis-McLaren*

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude **On A Clear Day** *Burton Lane*

Call to Worship **"I Greet the New"** *Rob Kinslow*

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting **Chalice Lighting for Challenging Times**
Lisa Doege

◆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 #124** **Be That Guide** *words: Carl G. Seaburg;
music: Thomas Seabury*

Magic For All Ages **The Impossible Knot** *Rob Kinslow
Mimi Olivier*

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 **Peace** *Horace Silver*

Offering response:

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

Hymn #126 **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**
*words: Robert Robertson & Eugene B. Navies,
music: John Wyeth*

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Prayer or Meditation **"Out of Our Yearning"**
Susan Manker-Seale

Silent Meditation

◆**Hymn #1018** **Come and Go With Me** *African-American
spiritual. Composer currently unknown. Arr. Kenny Smith*

Sermon **A Covenant of Renewal**

◆**Hymn #1028** **The Fire of Commitment** *words: Mary
Katherine Morn & Jason Shelton, music: Shelton*

◆**Community Closing and Benediction** *From Liturgies
from Below*

Postlude **Look to the Rainbow** *Burton Lane*

◆You are invited to rise as you are able.