

## **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](http://www.uumedford.org); Facebook: **Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford**; email: [office@uumedford.org](mailto: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](mailto:minister@uumedford.org)

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### **Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:**

Worship Leaders: Matt Meyer

Greeters/Ushers: Nick Sargent, Steve Schmidt

Music: Molly Ruggles

Tech Volunteers: Carolyn Cronin, Andey Amata,

Carol Schachet

## **Sunday, December 12, 2021 Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford**



### ***Homemade by the River***

*We are glad you are among us today.*

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

***“Do unto those downstream as you would have those  
upstream do unto you”***  
~*Wendell Berry*

**Morning Songs**

**#1007 There’s a River Flowing in My Soul**

**#298 Wake Now My Senses**

**The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit**

**Prelude Percussion Improvisation *Matt Meyer***

**Call to Worship "May this Door" -*The Siddur for Reform  
Jewish Prayer***

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Chalice Lighting At the River Clarion *Mary Oliver***

**◆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 Put Your Roots Down *Author Unknown***

**A Time for All Ages Desmond Gets Free *Matt Meyer***

**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 Blessed Motion *Annie Zylstra***

**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**

**Prayer or Meditation and Prayer *Matt Meyer***

**Silent Meditation**

**Reading 250 Things an Architect Should Know  
*Michael Sorkin***

**Hymn #1064 Blue Boat Home *Peter Mayer***

**Sermon Homemade by the River *Matt Meyer***

**Hymn Oh, River *Mamuse***

**◆Community Closing and Benediction (in circle) *Matt Meyer***

**Parting Song More Waters Rising *Saro Lynch-Thomason***

◆You are invited to rise as you are able.