

## **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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Jim Costello, Sexton

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

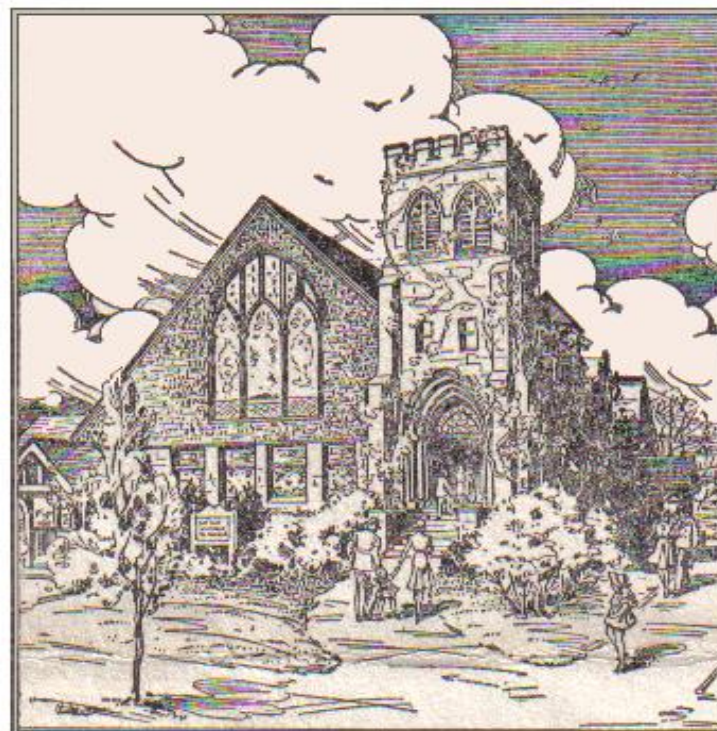
Worship Leaders: Rev. Bruce Taylor

Greeters/Ushers: Nick Sargent, Steve Schmidt

Music: Russell Tripp, organ, piano; Paul Marcucilli, flute

Tech Volunteers: Carol Bundy, Michael Glenn

## **Sunday, December 5, 2021** ***Unitarian Universalist Church*** ***of Medford***



### ***People, Look East***

*We are glad you are among us today.*

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

***“I am prejudiced beyond debate / in favor of my right to  
choose which side / shall feel the stubborn ounces of my  
weight.”***

~Bonaro W. Overstreet

### Morning Songs

#### #40 The Morning Hangs a Signal

*Words: William Channing Gannett; music: William Lloyd*

#### #226 People, Look East

*Words: Eleanor Farjeon; music: traditional French carol*

### The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude Little Prelude in D Minor *J. S. Bach*

Call to Worship *Jack Mendelsohn*

### Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting *Barbara Pescan*

### ◆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 #298 Wake, Now, My Senses *Words: Thomas J. S. Mikelson; music: traditional Irish melody*

A Time for All Ages “Rojava: a model of many faiths  
living together peacefully” *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 Largo *Arcangelo Corelli*

### Offering response:

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

### Recognition of Fred Humphreys for 18 Years of Service as Sexton

Special Music Verda Songô *Molly Ruggles  
Paul Marcucilli, flute*

Meditation and Prayer *Rev. Bruce Taylor*

Hymn #112 Do You Hear? *Words: Emily L. Thorn;  
music: William Caldwell's Union Harmony*

Sermon *People, Look East*

Hymn #124 Be That Guide *Words: Carl G. Seaburg;  
music: Thomas Benjamin*

◆Community Closing and Benediction *Lauralyn Bellamy*

Postlude Voluntary *C. Simper*

◆You are invited to rise as you are able.