

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 Leader: Rev. Bruce Taylor

Music: pianist & vocalist Alex Daum

Tech Volunteers: April Evans, Ann and Robert Heintz

Sunday, January 23, 2022 ***Unitarian Universalist Church*** ***of Medford***



Jesus and the Disinherited

We are glad you are among us today.

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

“The contradictions of life are not ultimate or final.”
~Howard Thurman

Morning Songs

*Hymn #111 **Life of Ages**
Music - Justin Knecht; words - Samuel Johnson

*Hymn #325 **Love Makes a Bridge**
Music - Gerald Wheeler; words - Brian Wren

*Hymn #115 **God of Grace and God of Glory**
Music - John Hughes; words - Harry Fosdick

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**
Music - Charles Converse; words Joseph Scriven

Call to Worship **The Beatitudes** *Matthew 5:1-12*

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.

*Hymn #108 **My Life Flows On in Endless Song**
Quaker Song; American Gospel Tune

A Time for All Ages **Who Was Jesus?** *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 **Holy, Holy, Holy (piano instrumental)** *John Dykes*

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

Meditation **Psalm 139**

Silent Meditation

*Hymn #276 **Oh Young and Fearless Prophet**
Music - William Lloyd; words - Ralph Harlow

Sermon **Jesus and the Disinherited**

Hymn #131 **Love Will Guide Us**
Music - traditional; words - Sally Rogers

*Community Closing and Benediction *Mark Belletini*

Postlude **Love Will Guide Us (piano instrumental)**

*You are invited to rise as you are able.