

Sunday, January 9, 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](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:**

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Bruce Taylor  
Greeters/Ushers: Steve Schmidt  
Music: Molly Ruggles, pianist; Brendan O'Brine, vocalist  
Tech Volunteers: April Evans, Andey Amata,  
Michael Glenn



***Composting Experience***

*We are glad you are among us today.*

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

***“Somewhere between the stars and the earth’s core we live  
and weep, we ask and laugh, and answer.”***

*~Annie Dillard*

### **Morning Songs**

**\*Hymn #57 All Beautiful the March of Days**  
*Words: Frances Whitmarsh Wile; music: English melody*

**\*Hymn #398 To See the World**  
*Words: William Blake; music: Edvard Grieg*

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

### **The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit**

**Prelude Turn, Turn, Turn! (To Every Season)**  
*Music by Pete Seeger, words from the Book of Ecclesiastes*

**Call to Worship This Sacred Place** *Stephen Shick*  
*(responsive reading)*

### **Welcome and Greeting**

**Chalice Lighting** *Annie Dillard*

### **\*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 #12 O Life That Maketh All Things New**  
*Words: Samuel Longfellow; music: Thomas Williams*

**A Time for All Ages Magic Wanda’s Travel Emporium**  
*Joshua Searle-White*

### **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 Caro Mio Ben Tommaso Giordani**

### **Offering response:**

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

**Special Music January Man Christy Moore**  
**Brendan O’Brine, vocalist**

### **Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones**

**Meditation Thich Nhat Hanh**

**\*Hymn #128 For All That Is Our Life**  
*Words: Bruce Findlow; music: Patrick L. Rickey*

**Sermon Composting Experience**

**Hymn #77 Seek Not Afar for Beauty**  
*Words: Minot Judson Savage; music: Cyril V. Taylor*

**\*Community Closing and Benediction Sidney L. Freeman**

**Postlude In My Life John Lennon & Paul McCartney**

\*You are invited to rise as you are able.