

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:

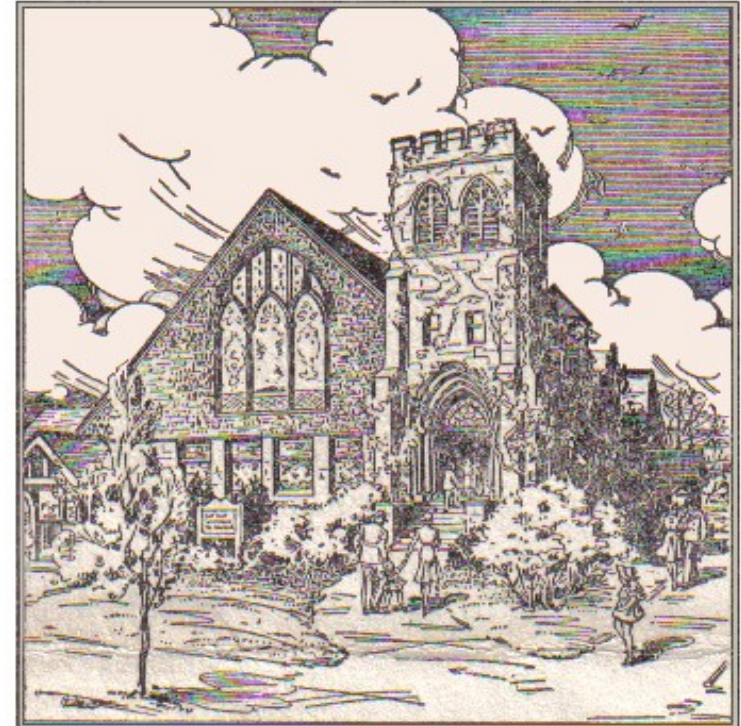
Worship Leader: Rev. Bruce Taylor

Music: Russell Tripp

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Andey Amata, Paul Marcucilli

Sunday, February 20, 2022 *Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford*



To Love Our Enemies

We are glad you are among us today.

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

“No one ever wins a fight.” ~ Nancy Ambrose

Morning Songs

***Hymn #100** **Peace Like a River** *Mervin Frey*

***Hymn #142** **Let There Be Light**
Words: Francis Davis; music: Robert Fleming

***Hymn #299** **Make Channels for the Streams of Love**
Words Richard Trench; American folk melody

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude **Méditation** *Cécile Chaminade*

Call to Worship *A. Powell Davies*

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting *Leslie Takahashi*

***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 #22** **Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design**
Words Nancy Dorian; music Nikolaus Herman

A Time for All Ages **God's Hat** *Christopher Buice (adapted)*

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 **Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give**
English melody, harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Offering response:

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

Reading **from a sermon, “Loving Your Enemies”**
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Silent Meditation

Interlude **Immortal Love** *Irish melody*

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Reading **Aikido In Action** *Terry Dobson*

Silent Meditation

Hymn #84 **How Far Can Reach a Smile**
Words Marjorie Jillson; music Heinz Zimmermann

Sermon **To Love Our Enemies**

Hymn #95 **There Is More Love Somewhere**
African American hymn

***Community Closing and Benediction** *Martha Kirby Capo*

Postlude **Selected Hymns**

*You are invited to rise as you are able.