

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.

Church Staff Ministries:

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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

Worship Leader: Rev. Bruce Taylor

Music: Molly Ruggles

Morning Song Leader: Emma Greenough

Tech Volunteers: Loretta Hubley, Andey Amata,

Ann & Robert Heintz

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



The Net of Gratitude

We are glad you are among us today.

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

“Thankfulness is the soul of beneficence; abundance is but the husk.”

~Jalaluddin Rumi

Morning Songs

***Hymn #322 Thanks Be for These**
Joyce & Richard Gilbert

***Hymn #355 We Lift Our Hearts in Thanks**
Percival Chubb, 16th c melody

***Hymn #126 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**
Words: Robert Robinson & Eugene Navia; music: John Wyeth

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude Pavane For Peace Molly Ruggles
Flute trio: Paul Marcucilli, Marsha Lawson (Alto), Rev. Bruce Taylor (Bass)

Call to Worship (Responsive Reading #515)

We Lift Up Our Hearts in Thanks Richard M. Fewkes

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting Marjorie Montgomery

*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 #1010 We Give Thanks Wendy Perkins**

**A Time for All Ages
Going to RE Classes**

A New Parting Song for the Kids
Mimi Olivier

Song of Blessing

Our beloveds, we are with you

Go in peace

May the spirit of love surround you

Go in peace.

Presentation by the 2022 Canvass Committee:

Steve Schmidt, Ann Heintz, Susan Driscoll

Opportunity for Generosity:

Music Ukrainian National Anthem Valentin Silvestrov

Offering response:

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

Special Music Awake, Awake To Love and Work
Winfred Douglas and Elkanah Dare UUCM Choir

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Meditation The Net of Gratitude Jalaluddin Rumi

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #128 For All that Is Our Life**
Words: Bruce Findlow; music: Patrick Rickey

Sermon The Net of Gratitude

Hymn #326 Let All the Beauty We Have Known
Words: Dana Greeley; music: English melody

***Community Closing and Benediction Orlanda Brugnola**

Postlude Someone To Watch Over Me George Gershwin

*You are invited to rise as you are able.