

Sunday, April 10, 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; 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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Jim Costello, Sexton

Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

Worship Leader: Carole Bundy

Music: Molly Ruggles, Will McMillan, UUCM Choir

Tech Volunteers: Paul Marcucilli, Carolyn Cronin,

Ann & Robert Heintz



Gonna Make My Garden Grow

We are glad you are among us today.

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

Morning Songs

***Hymn #42** **Morning So Fair to See**
Words: Vincent B. Silliman; Music: A.H. Hoffmann von Fallersleben

***Hymn #163** **For the Earth Forever Turning** *Kim Oler*

***Hymn #175** **We Celebrate the Web of Life**
Words: Alicia S. Carpenter; Music: Melchior Vulpius

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude **Make Our Garden Grow** *Leonard Bernstein*

Call to Worship **In the Time of Silver Rain** *Langston Hughes*

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting **In the Mystery of Life About Us There is Light**
George Kimmich Beach

*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** **The Garden Song** *David Mallett*

Congregation join in singing the refrain:

*Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make my garden grow
All it takes is a rake and a hoe and a piece of fertile ground
Inch by inch, row by row, someone bless these seeds I sow
Someone keep them safe below til the rain comes tumblin' down.*

A Time for All Ages

Avalon Owens

Children's Parting Song: Go in Peace

Words: Li Kynvi; music: Andey Amata and Molly Ruggles

Our beloveds, we are with you; go in peace.
May the spirit of love surround you; go in peace.
(repeat)

Member Testimonial for Canvas Committee *Nick Sargent*

Opportunity for Generosity:

Music **It Might As Well Be Spring** *Richard Rogers*

Offering response:

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

Special Music **What a Wonderful World - UUCM Choir**
Bob Thiele, George David Weiss

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Prayer or Meditation **The Life that Stretches Between Us**
Emmy Lou Belcher

Silent Meditation

Hymn #1067 **Mother Earth, Beloved Garden**
Amanda Udis-Kessler

Sermon **Gonna Make My Garden Grow**

Hymn #207 **Earth Was Given as a Garden**
Words: Roberta Bard; Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard

***Community Closing and Benediction** *Carole Bundy*

Postlude **Here Comes the Sun** *George Harrison*

*You are invited to rise as you are able.