

Sunday, April 17, 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.

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

Minister: Rev. Bruce Taylor  
Music: Russell Tripp  
Morning Song and Hymn Leader: Daric Dalfino  
Tech Volunteers: Loretta Hubley, Steve Schmidt, Carol Bundy



***Easter, Passover and the Coming of  
Spring***

*We are glad you are among us today.*

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

*“We are here to witness the creation and to abet it.”*  
~Annie Dillard

## Morning Songs

**\*Hymn #203 All Creatures of the Earth and Sky**  
*Words: St. Francis of Assisi;*  
*Music: from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche*  
*Kirchengesäng*

**\*Hymn #64 Oh, Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today**  
*Words: Robert Frost; Music: Cyril V. Taylor*

**\*Hymn #89 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life**  
*Words: George Herbert; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams*

## The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

**Prelude Grand Chorus** *Théodore Dubois*

**Call to Worship** **Passover Remembered** *Alla Renée Bozarth*

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Chalice Lighting** *Dorothy McRae-McMahon (adapted)*

## \*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 #347 Gather the Spirit** *Words & Music: Jim Scott*

**A Time for All Ages Two Very Important Holidays**  
*Mimi Olivier*

## 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)

## Opportunity for Generosity:

**Offertory Music** **Andante** *Caleb Simper*

## 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

**Interlude** **When the Daffodils Arrive** *from a Hasidic tune*

**Meditation** **Seasons of the Self** *Max Coots*

## Silent Meditation

**Hymn #266 Now the Green Blade Riseth**  
*Words: John MacLeod Campbell Crum; Music: medieval*  
*French carol*

**Sermon** **Easter, Passover and the Coming of Spring**

**Hymn #270 O Day of Light and Gladness**  
*Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer; Music: Henry Smart*

**\*Community Closing and Benediction** **Peace Prayer**  
*Project Ploughshares*

**Postlude** **Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers**  
*Thomas Benjamin*

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