

Sunday, April 24, 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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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

Guest Minister: Martha Durkee-Neuman

Music: Molly Ruggles, Russell Tripp & UUCM Choir

Tech Volunteers: Nancy Kurtz, April Evans, Andey Amata



“Our Lives Are In Each Other’s Hands”

We are glad you are among us today.

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

“At the very core of [the work of climate justice] is restoring humanity and simply claiming that no one is disposable, that all are worthy, and that we should be able to live in a world where everyone can thrive.” ~Isha Clark, 17-year-old climate leader

Morning Songs

***Hymn #309 The Earth is Our Homeland**
Words Mark Belletini & Helen Pickett; music Johannes Brahms

***Hymn #314 We Are Children of the Earth**
Words Alicia Carpenter; music Nguyen-Duc Quang

***Hymn #308 Blessings of the Earth & Sky**
Words Kenneth Patton; Music Johan Hermann Schein

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude April Snow *Sigmond Romberg*

Call to Worship “As surely as we belong to this universe”
Rev. Margaret Keip

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting “Committed to Respond” *Lynn Harrison*

*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.

***The Tide is Rising** *Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman*

A Time for All Ages “A Children’s Movement”
Martha Durkee-Neuman

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 Fields of Gold *Sting*

Offering response:

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

Special Music “Earth Song” *Sharon Scholl*
UUCM Choir

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Prayer or Meditation Words from the UN Environmental Sabbath, 1990

Silent Meditation

Hymn #134 “Our World is One World” *Cecily Taylor*

Sermon “Our Lives Are In Each Other’s Hands”
Martha Durkee-Neuman

“People gonna rise like the water” *The Peace Poets*

***Community Closing and Benediction**
Martha Durkee-Neuman

Postlude West Wind *Kurt Weill*

*You are invited to rise as you are able.