

Sunday, September 11, 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: Rev. Bruce Taylor

Music: Molly Ruggles

Morning Song/Hymn Leader: Carole Bundy



Let It Be a Dance

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 abet creation and to witness to it”

~Annie Dillard

Morning Songs

***Hymn #38 Morning Has Broken**
words: Eleanor Farjeon; music: Gaelic melody

***Hymn #1040 Hush**
words & music: Unknown African-American composer, slavery period

***Hymn #188 Come, Come, Whoever You Are**
words: Jalaluddin Rumi, adapted; music: Lynn Adair Ungar

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude A Sunday Kind of Love *Etta James, et al*

Call to Worship (responsive reading) *Rev. Bruce Taylor*

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting *Annie Dillard*

*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 #361 Enter, Rejoice and Come In**
words & music: Louise Ruspini

Water Communion

Adapted from the Unitarian Universalists of Puerto Rico

Opportunity for Generosity:

Music Deep River
Unknown African-American composer, slavery period

Offering response:

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

Special Music The Water Remembers *Jason Shelton*
UUCM Choir with Alex Daum soloist

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Prayer *Rev. Bruce Taylor*

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #123 Spirit of Life**
Words & Music: Carolyn McDade

Sermon *“Let It Be a Dance”*

Hymn #311 Let It Be a Dance *words & music: Ric Masten*

***Community Closing and Benediction** *Rebecca Parker*

Parting Song

From all that dwell below the skies
Let songs of hope and faith arise.
Let peace, goodwill on Earth be sung
Through every land by every tongue.

Postlude Up A Lazy River *Hoagy Carmichael*

*You are invited to rise as you are able.