

Sunday, September 18, 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.

**Church Staff Ministries:**

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

Guest Minister: Rev. Laura Randall

Worship Associate: Susan Jhirad

Music: Russell Tripp

Morning Song Leader: Susan Jhirad

Tech Volunteers: April Evans, Steve Schmidt, Andey Amata,

Mary MacNamee



***Taking Risks***

*We are glad you are among us today.*

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

**“One has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws.”**  
~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Morning Songs**

\*Hymn #347                      **Gather the Spirit**                      *Jim Scott*

\*Hymn #317                      **We Are Not Our Own**                      *Brian Wren &  
David Hurd*

\*Hymn #168                      **One More Step**                      *Joyce Poley*

**The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit**

**Prelude**                      **Little Prelude in F**                      *J. S. Bach*

**Call to Worship**    *Jack Mendelsohn*

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Chalice Lighting**    *Deanna Vandiver*

**\*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 #1008                      **When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place**  
*Joyce Poley*

**A Time for All Ages      What Would You Do?**      *Erika Hewitt*

**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:**

**Music**                      **Adagio**                      *Alexander Schreiner*

**Offering response:**

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

**Interlude      From You I Receive**      *Joseph and Nathan Segal*

**Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones**

**Prayer or Meditation      Blessed Are the Hungry**  
*Theresa Ninán Soto*

**Silent Meditation**

\*Hymn #170                      **We Are a Gentle, Angry People**  
*Holly Near*

**Sermon**    **Taking Risks**

**Hymn #1017      Building a New Way**                      *Martha Sandefer*

\***Community Closing and Benediction**                      *Elena Westbrook*

**Postlude      Andante Mosso**                      *J. G. Sachs*

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