

Sunday, January 8, 2023
***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:

Rev. Bruce Taylor, Minister: minister@uumedford.org
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Jim Costello, Sexton

Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

Minister: Rev. Bruce Taylor
Music: Molly Ruggles
Morning song/hymn leader: Alex Daum
Tech Volunteers: April Evans, Paul Marcucilli, Mary MacNamee



To Heal Is to Make Whole

We are glad you are among us today.

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

*“Like a wild animal, the soul is tough, resilient, resourceful,
savvy ... it knows how to survive in hard places”~Parker Palmer*

Morning Songs

***Hymn #289** **Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give**
Words: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; music: Thomas Benjamin

***Hymn #7** **The Leaf Unfurling**
Words: Don Cohen; music: John Corrado

***Hymn #84** **How Far Can Reach a Smile**
Words: Marjorie Jillson; music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude **Let It Be** *Paul McCartney*

Call to Worship **from Hagia Sophia** *Thomas Merton*

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting *Dorothy McRae-McMahon*

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 #1045** **There Is a Balm in Gilead**
*Words & music: unknown enslaved African American
composer*

A Time for All Ages **The Cure** *Christopher Buice*

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 **Daoona Nayeesh** *Samir Badri & Ted Warmbrand*

Offering response:

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

Anthem **Come Healing** *Leonard Cohen*
Alex Daum - soloist

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Meditation *Rachel Naomi Remen*

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #369** **This Is the Truth That Passes Understanding**
Words: Robert Terry Weston; music: Genevan Psalter

Sermon **To Heal Is to Make Whole**

***Hymn #100** **I've Got Peace Like a River**
Words & Music: Marvin V. Frey

***Community Closing and Benediction** *Frederick E. Gillis*

Postlude **Mi Shebeirach** *Debbie Friedman*

*You are invited to rise as you are able.