

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.

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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

Worship Leader: Tammy McKanan

Music: Russell Tripp

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Sunday, March 26, 2023 ***Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford***



Steeped in Knowledge, Infused in Wisdom

We are glad you are among us today.

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

*"It's perfectly okay to make a decision and then change your mind.
Being able to change your mind is the best way to find out you still
have one." —William E. Lewis, Jr.*

Morning Songs

***Hymn #108 My Life Flows on in Endless Song**
*Words: Early Quaker song; Music: American Gospel
tune*

***Hymn #34 Though I may Speak with Bravest Fire**
*Words: Hal Hopson; Music: Trad. English melody, adpt. by
Hal Hopson*

***Hymn #346 Come Sing a Song with Me**
Words and music: Carolyn McDade

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude Little Prelude in E Minor J. S. Bach

Call to Worship Tammy McKanan

Welcome and Greeting

Testimonial Lu Traina

Chalice Lighting So That We Might, Together, Shine
Erik Walker Wikstrom

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 #318 We Would Be One**
Words: Samuel Anthony Wright; Music: Jean Sibelius

Time for All Ages Tammy McKanan

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 Prayer Friedrich Heinrich Himmel

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

Prayer or Meditation

Sermon Steeped in Knowledge, Infused in Wisdom
Tammy McKanan

Tea Tag Ritual

***Hymn #1074 Turn the World Around**
Words and Music: Harry Belafonte

***Community Closing and Benediction Tammy McKanan**

Postlude Andante in G Edward Francis Rimbault

*You are invited to rise as you are able.