

## **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:**

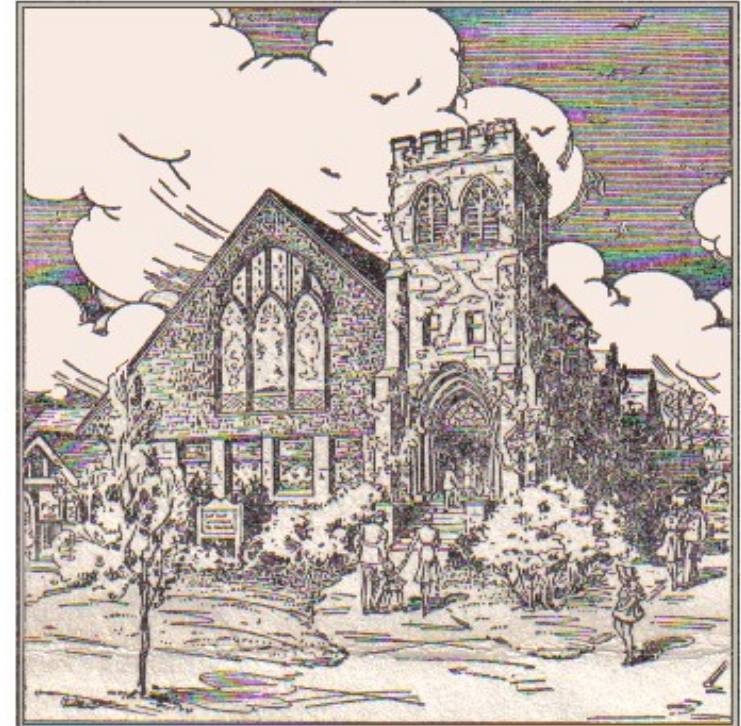
Worship Leaders: The Teens of UUCM and Rev. Bruce Taylor

Music: Russell Tripp

Morning Song/Hymn Leader: Emma Greenough

Tech Volunteers: Dennis & Joan Keane, April Evans, Michael Glenn

## Sunday, April 16, 2023 ***Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford***



## ***Dedicating Our Mural***

*We are glad you are among us today.*

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

*“Each morning we must hold out the chalice of our being to receive, to carry, and give back”~Dag Hammarskjöld*

## Morning Songs

**\*Hymn #110** Come, Children of Tomorrow  
*Words: Zona Gale; music: Valentin Schumann*

**\*Hymn #313** O What a Piece of Work We Are  
*Words: Malvina Reynolds; music: Southern Harmony*

**\*Hymn #331** Life Is the Greatest Gift of All  
*William E. Oliver; music: James Leith McBeth Bain*

## The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude Voluntary *American Church Organ Voluntaries, 1856*

## Call to Worship

Boshawn Paisley-Flango: #429 *William F. Schultz*

Brendan Shea: #434 *Anonymous*

## Welcome and Greeting

Nate Douglas: Chalice Lighting #462 *Paul Robeson*

## Demetrius Paisley-Flango: 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 #349 We Gather Together

*Word: Dorothy C. and Robert E. Senghas; music: Adrian Valerius*

Paul Marcucilli: Responsive Reading #584 *The Network of Mutuality*  
*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## Opportunity for Generosity:

Music Cantabile *Charles Zeuner*

## Offering response:

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

## Boshawn Paisley Flango and Brendan Shea: Testimonials #1

## Mimi Olivier: Introduction to Tufts S-Factor

Music Turn Me Around Performed by S-Factor  
*Words & music: based on an African-American spiritual, author unknown*

## Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

## Nate Douglas and Paul Marcucilli: Testimonials #2

Music One More Time Performed by S-Factor  
*Words & music: based on an African-American spiritual, author unknown*

## Demetrius Paisley-Flango and Lu Traina: Testimonials #3

\*Hymn #1021 Lean On Me *Words & music: Bill Withers*

## Jaheim Paisley-Flango and Dan McKanan: Testimonials #4

Lu Traina: Meditation #492 *Fragile and Rooted*  
*Carolyn S. Owen-Towle*

## Silent Meditation

Homily Dedicating Our Mural *Rev. Bruce Taylor*

\*Hymn #118 This Little Light of Mine  
*Words & music: unknown enslaved African-American composer*

\*Mimi Olivier: Community Closing and Benediction #470  
*Affirmation* *Leonard Mason*

Postlude Turn Back *Genevan psalter, 1551*

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