

Sunday, April 30, 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.

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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

Guest Minister: Will McMillan

Worship Associate: Carole Bundy

Music: Molly Ruggles

Tech Volunteers: April Evans, Andy Amata, Geoff Ward



The Gospel According to Yip

We are glad you are among us today.

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

*“Words make you think thoughts. Music makes you feel a feeling.
But a song makes you feel a thought.” ~Yip Harburg*

Morning Songs

***Hymn #1010 We Give Thanks Wendy Luella Perkins**

***Hymn #173 In the Branches of the Forest**
Words: David Arkin; music: Waldemar Hille

***Hymn #299 Make Channels For the Streams of Love**
Words: Richard Trench; music: folk melody, arr. Annabel Buchanan

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude If This Isn't Love Words: Yip Harburg; music: Burton Lane
Paul Marcucilli, flute; Molly Ruggles, piano

Call to Worship The Magic in Song Yip Harburg

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting For The Web of Life Paul Sprecher

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 #214 Shabat Shalom**
Traditional Hebrew, arr. S. Secunda

Time for All Ages The Magic of Rainbows
Will, Carole & Molly

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 If I Only Had a Brain
Words: Yip Harburg; music: Harold Arlen

Offering response:

We are grateful for these gifts we have received,

that sustain us and affirm the ministries of our church community.

Anthem Look To The Rainbow – UUCM Choir
Words: Yip Harburg; music: Burton Lane

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Prayer or Meditation Holding Reality and Possibility Together
Sam Trumbore

Silent Meditation

Hymn #136 When Gentle Tides Go Rolling By
Words: Richard Fariña; music; Traditional Asian melody

Sermon The Gospel According to Yip

Hymn Over the Rainbow
Words: Yip Harburg; music: Harold Arlen

***Community Closing and Benediction V'ahavta (excerpt)**
Aurora Levins Morales

Postlude April In Paris
Words: Yip Harburg; music: Vernon Duke

*You are invited to rise as you are able.