

## 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:

Susan Jhirad (words) and Lu Traina (spoken)

(Andey Amata)

Music: Russell Tripp

Tech Volunteers: Joan Keane, Paul Marcucilli, Michael Glenn

## Sunday, May 14, 2023 *Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford*



## *Julia Ward Howe and Mother's Peace Day*

*We are glad you are among us today.*

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

**“They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears  
into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn way any more.” - (Micah:3)**

### **Morning Songs**

**\*Hymn #1025      When Will the Fighting Cease**  
*Nick Page*

**\*Hymn #38      Morning Has Broken**  
*Eleanor Fargeon*

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

### **The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit**

**Prelude      Prelude in E Flat      *Arnold Josef Monar***

**Call to Worship #577 Responsive Reading      *Mohandas Gandhi***

### **Welcome and Greeting**

**Chalice Lighting      #596      *Metta Sutta***

### **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 #1026    If Every Woman in the World      *Karen McKay***

**Time for All Ages      Can Mother's Day be Difficult?**  
*Mimi Olivier*

### **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      Meditation      *Alexander Schreiner***

### **Offering response:**

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

**Hymn #1045      There is a Balm in Gilead**  
*enslaved African American composer*

### **Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones**

### **Silent Meditation**

**Hymn #162    Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield**  
*African-American Spiritual*

**Sermon      Julia Ward Howe and Mother's Peace Day**

**\*Hymn #1031      May I Be Filled With Loving Kindness**  
*Traditional Buddhist Meditation*

**\*Community Closing and Benediction    #713 (Corinthians:1)**

**Postlude      Battle Hymn of the Republic**  
*Words - Julia Ward Howe; Music – William Steffe*

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