

Sunday, May 28, 2022
***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:

Worship Leader: Carol Schachet

Music: Molly Ruggles and UUCM Choir

Tech Volunteers: Joan Keane, Dennis Keane, Mary MacNamee



The Prison and Prism of Memory

We are glad you are among us today.

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

“In this treacherous world/Nothing is the truth nor a lie./Everything depends on the color/Of the crystal through which one sees it.” ~Pedro Calderón de la Barca

Morning Songs

***Hymn #354 We Laugh, We Cry**
Shelley Jackson Denham

***Hymn #128 For All That is Our Life**
Words: Bruce Findlow; music: Patrick Rickey

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude How Deep is the Ocean? *Irving Berlin*

Call to Worship *Erica A. Hewitt*

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting *Viola Abbitt*

*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 #188 Come, Come, Whoever You Are**
Words: adapted from Rumi; music: Lynn Adair Ungar

A Time for All Ages

“Rabityness” by Jo Empson
adapted by 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 Memories of Tomorrow *Keith Jarrett*

Offering response:

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

Anthem Where Have All the Flowers Gone? *Pete Seeger*
UUCM Choir

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Prayer or Meditation

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #186 Grieve Not Your Heart**
Words: Confucius; music from Kentucky Harmony

Sermon The Prison and Prism of Memory

***Hymn #411 Part in Peace**
Words: Sarah Flowers Adams; music from Kentucky Harmony

Community Closing and Benediction *Project Plowshares

Postlude But Beautiful
Jimmy Van Heusen & Johnny Burke

*You are invited to rise as you are able.