

## **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 Leader: Carolyn Cronin

Music: Russell Tripp

Morning Song / Hymn Leader: Michael Glenn

Tech Volunteers: Dennis & Joan Keane, Ann & Robert Heintz

## **Sunday, October 1, 2023** ***Unitarian Universalist Church*** ***of Medford***



## ***THIS I BELIEVE***

*We are glad you are among us today.*

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

### Morning Songs

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

*Word: Eleanore Farjeon, Music: Gaelic Melody  
(unattributed)*

**\*Hymn #108 My Life Flows on in Endless Song**

*Words: Traditional, verse 3 Doris Plenn, Music: Robert  
Lowry*

**\*Hymn #203 All Creatures of the Earth and Sky**

*Words: Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, Music: adapted  
by Ralph Vaughan Williams*

### The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

**Prelude I Believe** *Ervin Drake, Irvin Graham,  
Jimmy Shirl, and Al Stillman*

**Call to Worship Come in From the Wind** *Heather Rion Star*

### Welcome and Greeting

**Chalice Lighting Sacred Unknowing** *Amy Carol Webb*

### \*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 #347 Gather the Spirit** *Words and Music: Jim Scott*

**A Time for All Ages Mira and the Big Story** *Laura Alery*

### 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**

**Melody**

*Christoph W. Gluck*

### 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/Silent Meditation

**Hymn #1041 Filled with Loving Kindness**

*Words: Traditional Buddhist Meditation, adapted by Mark W.  
Hayes, Music: Ian W. Riddell*

**This I Believe – Sharing** *by Mary Jo Fortes and Ann Heintz*

**\*Hymn #118 This Little Light of Mine**

*Words and Music: African American Spiritual c 1750-1875*

### \*Community Closing and Benediction

**Postlude Come, Sing a Song with Me** *Carolyn McDade*

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