

Sunday, October 29, 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.

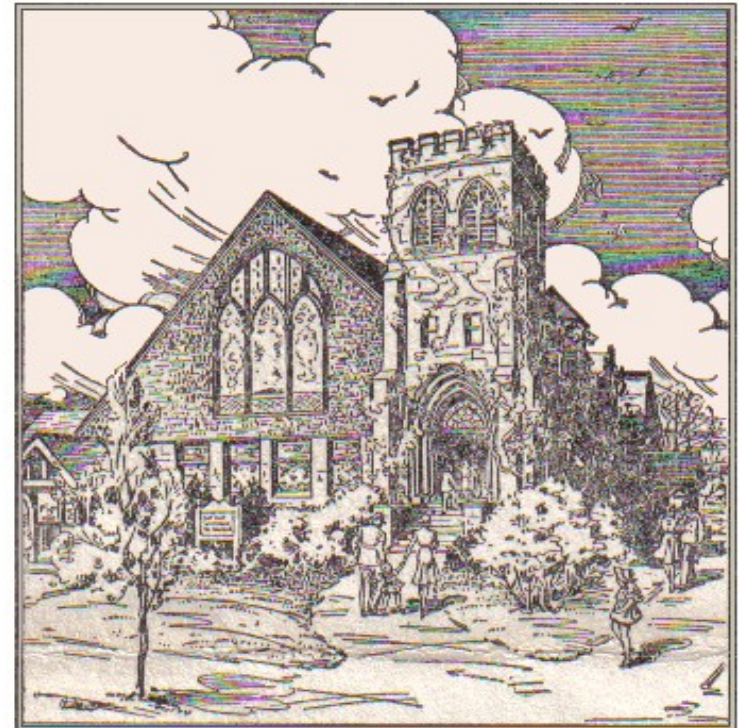
UU Church of Medford welcomes everyone and is recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association as a Welcoming Congregation. This means that we are a church that is inclusive and expressive of the concerns of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons at every level of congregational life.

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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

Service leaders: Cranberry Circle Covenant of Unitarian
Universalist Pagans
Worship Associate: Rev. Bruce Taylor
Music: Russell Tripp, piano: Barbara Dyskant, flute: Nadine
Dyskant-Miller
Tech Volunteers: Joan & Dennis Keane, Michael Glenn



Celebrating Samhain

We are glad you are among us today.

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

“Any ritual is an opportunity for transformation”~Starhawk

Morning Songs

***Hymn #51** **Lady of the Seasons’ Laughter**
Words: Kendyl L. R. Gibbons; music: David Hurd

***Hymn #54** **Now Light Is Less**
Words: Theodore Roethke; music: Alfred Morton Smith

***Hymn #52** **In Sweet Fields of Autumn**
Words: Elizabeth Madison; music: William James Kirkpatrick

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude **Autumn in Amherst** *Cathy Tavitie*

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Bruce Taylor*

Call to Worship *Natalie Johnson*

Chalice Lighting *Tanya Trzeciak*

*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 #1074** **Turn the World Around**
Words & music: Harry Belafonte

Invoking the Elements *Jim Norris and Frank Girard*

A Time for All Ages **Where did Halloween Come From?**
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)

Poem **Whispers by Cordelia** *Frank Girard*

Opportunity for Generosity:

La Fée des Dents *André Brunet*
Gigue du Salon *Pascal Gemme*

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

Musical response **Menuet from L’Arlésienne Suite No. 2**
Georges Bizet

Meditation *Natalie Johnson*

Poem **Samhain by Ravel Willow Rune** *Frank Girard*

Sermon **Our Ancestors** *Tanya Trzeciak*

***Hymn #1011** **Return Again**
Words & music: Shlomo Carlebach

Poem **I Come ... by Jan Phillips** *Jim Norris*

Dismissing the God and Goddess and the Elements

Conclusion of Ritual **Ancestor Night** *Natalie Johnson*

Postlude **Traditional Reel Medley**

*You are invited to rise as you are able.