

Sunday, November 26, 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: Rev. Laura Randall
Worship Associate: Susan Jhirad
Music: Russell Tripp
Tech Volunteers: Andey Amata, Michael Glenn



***Pursuing Liberation – UUSC and Global
Solidarity***

We are glad you are among us today.

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

“Nobody’s free until everyone is free.”~ Fannie Lou Hamer

Morning Songs

***Hymn #151 I Wish I Knew How**
Billy Taylor, Dick Dallas, & Mary Allen Walden

***Hymn #131 Love Will Guide Us**
Sally Rogers & Betty Wylder

***Hymn #159 This Is My Song**
Lloyd Stone & Jean Sibelius

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude Opening Voluntary in D *Caleb Simper*

Call to Worship Out of the Flames *Rev. Sara LaWall*

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting All Means All *Rev. Erika Hewitt*

As we each light a chalice,
may we make of our lives a beacon:
a symbol of our promise to draw the circle wide;
a sign that we will not rest until “all” means all.

*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 #360 Here We Have Gathered** *Alicia S. Carpenter*

A Time for All Ages **Sophia’s Guest** *Becky Brooks*

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 Pastorale *Caleb Simper*

Offering response:

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

***Hymn #155 Circle ‘Round for Freedom**
Linda Hirschhorn

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Prayer or Meditation **Rev. Laura Randall**

Silent Meditation

Music Largo, from Sonata for flute and piano
Flute, Paul Marcucilli *Paul Merkus*

Sermon Pursuing Liberation: UUSC and Global Solidarity

***Hymn #108 My Life Flows On in Endless Song**
Early Quaker Song

*Community Closing and Benediction

Postlude Turn Back *Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551*

*You are invited to rise as you are able.