

Sunday, November 5, 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:

Minister: Rev. Bruce Taylor
Music: Russell Tripp, Alex Daum
Tech Volunteers: Loretta Hubley, Reid Corless, Mary MacNamee



Polarity and Purpose

We are glad you are among us today.

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

“Justice is only just if it transforms me as well as the world outside me”~Mark Belletini

Morning Songs

***Hymn #22 Dear Weaver of Our Lives’ Design**
Words: Nancy C. Dorian; music: Nikolaus Herman

***Hymn #17 Every Night and Every Morn**
Words: William Blake; music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

***Hymn #12 O Life That Maketh All Things New**
Words: Samuel Longfellow; music: Thomas Williams

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude Hymnus Alexander von Fielitz

Call to Worship (Responsive Reading #665)
Transcendental Etude Adrienne Rich

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting Michael Leunig

*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 #311 Let It Be a Dance Words & music: Ric Masten**

A Time for All Ages Who Votes 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 An Andante Air
Charles Stokes, adapted by V. Novello

Offering response:

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

Music Interlude Christian Heinrich Rinck

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Meditation

***Hymn #1009 Meditation on Breathing**
Words & Music: Sarah Dan Jones

Sermon Polarity and Purpose

***Hymn #294 Our Praise We Give**
Words: John Coleman Adams; music: Percy Carter Buck

***Community Closing and Benediction Kathleen McTigue**

Postlude O Star of Truth Words: Minot Judson Savage;
music: Finnish melody, adapt. by David Evans

*You are invited to rise as you are able.