

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford

Am I (Not) My Brother's Keeper?

Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

Minister: Rev. Bruce Taylor

Music: Russell Tripp, Alex Daum, UUCM Choir

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We are glad you are among us today.

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

*“Let this be a house of welcome, living stone upholding living stone”~David
Hurd*

Morning Songs

***Hymn #181 No Matter If You Live Now Far or Near**

Words: Sutta Nopata; music: old Indian song

***Hymn #194 Faith Is a Forest**

Words: Shelley Jackson Denham; music: Chinese folk song

***Hymn #211 We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder**

Words & music: unknown enslaved African American composer

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude Prelude in D G. Bentivoglio

Call to Worship (Responsive Reading #515)

We Lift Up Our Hearts in Thanks Richard M. Fewkes

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting Betsy Darr

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 #67** **We Sing Now Together**
Words: Edwin T. Buehrer; music: Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck, 1626

A Time for All Ages **Season of Giving** *Mimi Olivier*

Special Collection for Housing Families

Music **Prelude in B flat** *Christian Heinrich Rinck*

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 **Andante in E flat** *Carl A. Kern*

Offering response:

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

Anthem **In These Hard Times** *Linda Hirschhorn*

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Meditation **Transgender Day of Remembrance**

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #317** **We Are Not Our Own**
Words: Brian Wren; music: David Hurd

Sermon **Am I (Not) My Brother's Keeper?**

***Hymn #1021** **Lean On Me**
Words & music: Bill Withers

***Community Closing and Benediction** *Michael Leunig*

Postlude **When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place** *Joyce Poley*

*You are invited to rise as you are able.