

Sunday, December 10, 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, Paul Marcucilli,
Ann & Robert Heintz



The Transient and the Permanent

We are glad you are among us today.

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

*“Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my word shall not pass away”
~Luke 21:33*

Morning Songs

***Hymn #370 All People That on Earth Do Dwell**
Words: Alicia S. Carpenter; music: Genevan Psalter 1551

***Hymn #2 Down the Ages We Have Trod**
Words: John Andrew Storey; music: Thomas Benjamin

***Hymn #3 The World Stands Out on Either Side**
Words: Edna St. Vincent Millay; music: W. Frederick Wooden

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude Allegro Adolph Friedrich Hesse

Call to Worship (responsive reading) The Eternal
Stephen Shick

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting Robert French Leavens

***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 #40 The Morning Hangs a Signal**
Words: William Channing Gannett; music: William Lloyd

A Time for All Ages The Message of Hanukkah
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 Andante Georg Joseph Vogler

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

Music Interlude Jacob Blieb

Meditation Shards of Divinity Rev. Bruce Taylor

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #1058 Be Ours a Religion**
Words: Theodore Parker; music: Thomas Benjamin

Sermon The Transient and the Permanent

***Hymn #145 As Tranquil Streams**
Words: Marion Franklin Ham; music: Musicalisches Hand-buch 1690

***Community Closing and Benediction Alice Blair Wesley**

Postlude Wonder Still the World Shall Witness
Music: from a collection of Dutch tunes, 1710

*You are invited to rise as you are able.