

Sunday, December 3, 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:

Speaker: Terry E. Carter
Worship Associate: Andey Amata
Music: Russell Tripp, Alex Daum
Tech Volunteers: April Evans, Dennis Keane, Ann & Robert Heintz



Mindful Meditations

We are glad you are among us today.

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

“Having a Bible verse in your bio doesn’t make you a good person.”~Anon.

Morning Songs

***Hymn #84 How Far Can Reach a Smile?**
Richard S. Kimball

***Hymn #100 I’ve Got Peace Like a River**
Marvin V. Frey

***Hymn #88 Calm Soul of All Things**
Matthew Arnold, Thomas Tallis

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude Two short preludes *Christian Heinrich Rinck*

Sitting on the Dock of the Bay *Otis Redding/Steve Cropper*
(Mp3)***

Call to Worship (insert) *Psalm 138:1-3 (CSB)*

Welcome and Greeting *Andey Amata*

Chalice Lighting Brown Skin and the Brilliant Sun
Terry E. Carter

***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 #83 Winds Be Still**
Words: Richard Kimball; Music: S. S. Wesley

A Time for All Ages

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Terry E. Carter

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

Interlude

Christian Heinrich Rinck

Offering response:

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

Hymn #67 We Sing Now Together *Edwin T. Buerher

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Prayer or Meditation (insert) Cycles *Abigail Wurdeman*

Silent Meditation

Sermon Mindful Meditations *Terry E. Carter*

Ponta De Areia Earth, Wind, and Fire (Mp3)***

***Community Closing and Benediction Holy Bible**
Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." AMEN

Postlude It is Well (with My Soul) *Anthem Lights*
(Mp3)***

*You are invited to rise as you are able.