

Sunday, February 11, 2024  
*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](http://www.uumedford.org); Facebook: *Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford*; email: [office@uumedford.org](mailto:office@uumedford.org); or telephone (781) 396-4549.

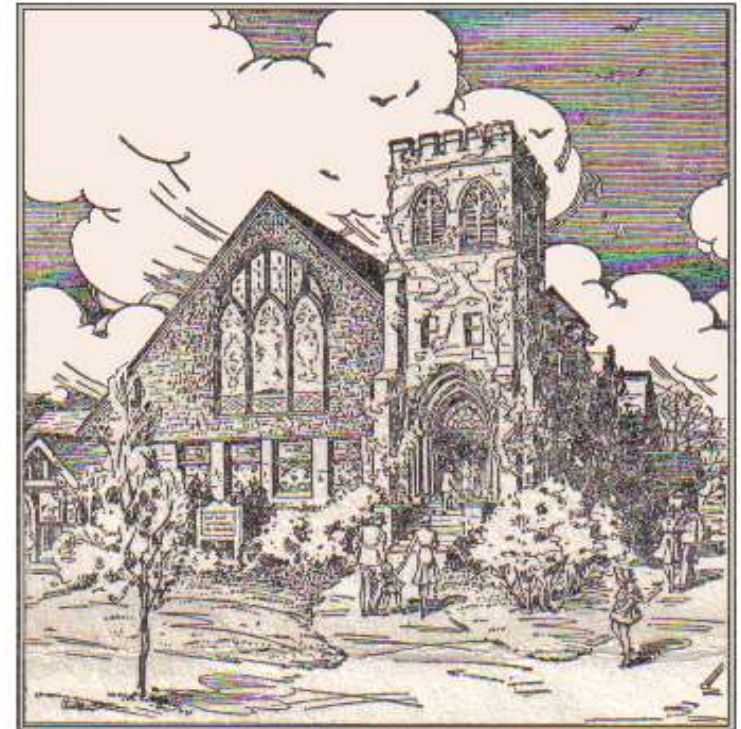
UU Church of Medford welcomes everyone and is recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association as a Welcoming Congregation. This means that we are a church that is inclusive and expressive of the concerns of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons at every level of congregational life.

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**Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:**

Worship leader: Zeenat Potia  
Worship Associate: Susan Jhirad  
Music: Sage Fogle  
Tech Volunteers: April Evans, Andey Amata, Michael Glenn



***Wise Intention***

*We are glad you are among us today.*

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

*“When you reach for the stars you may not quite get one, but you won't come up with a handful of mud either.” ~Leo Burnett*

## Morning Songs

**\*Hymn ##1008**                      **When our Heart is in a Holy Place**  
*Words & music: Joyce Polley*

**\*Hymn #1024**                      **When the Spirit Says Do**  
*Words & music: African-American Civil Rights Song*

**\*Hymn #95**                      **There is More Love Somewhere**  
*Words & music: African-American hymn*

## The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

**Prelude**                      **Imagine**                      *John Lennon*

**Call to Worship**                      **Eagle Poem**                      *Joy Harjo*

## Welcome and Greeting

**Chalice Lighting**                      **What's a Life**                      *E. B. White*

## \*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 #131**                      **Love Will Guide Us**  
*Words: Sally Rogers; music: traditional, arr. Betty A. Wylder*

**A Time for All Ages**                      **Zeenat Potia**

**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**                      **So We Go**                      *Pat DiSimio*

## Offering response:

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

**\*Hymn #134**                      **Our World is One World**  
*Words & music: Cecily Taylor*

## Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

**Meditation**    **Intention Shapes Experience**    *(Dhammapada)*

## Silent Meditation

**\*Hymn # 1031**                      **May I be Filled With Loving Kindness**  
*Words: traditional Buddhist meditation; music: Ian W. Riddell*

## Sermon                      Wise Intention

**\*Hymn # 315**                      **This Old World**  
*Words: American folk tune; music: Southern Harmony (1835)*

**\*Community Closing and Benediction**                      **Advice to Yourself**  
*Louise Erdrich*

**Postlude**                      **Man in the Mirror**  
*Ballard & Garrett, Recorded by Michael Jackson*

**\*You are invited to rise as you are able**