

Sunday, February 18, 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***; Facebook: ***Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford***; email: ***office@uumedford.org***; or telephone (781) 396-4549.

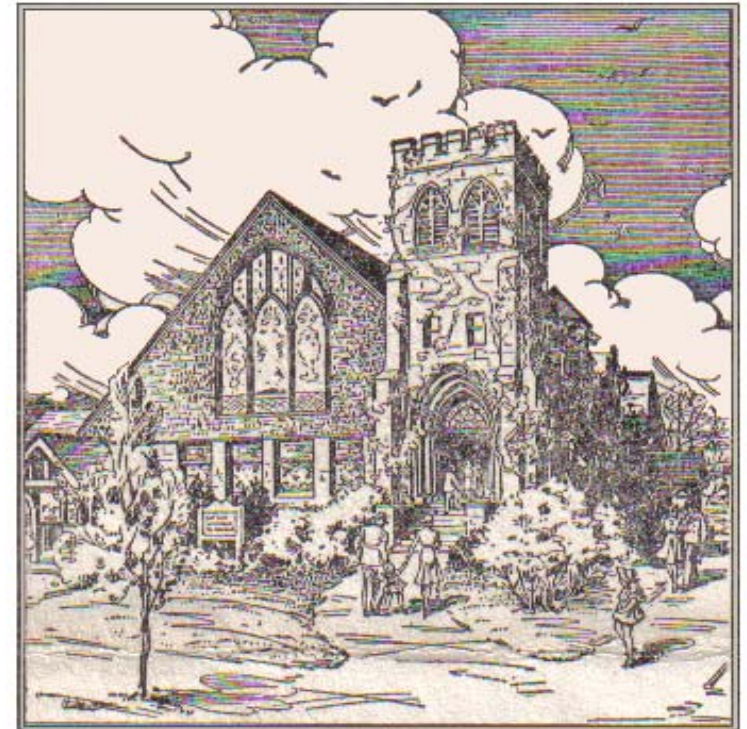
UU Church of Medford welcomes everyone and is recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association as a Welcoming Congregation. This means that we are a church that is inclusive and expressive of the concerns of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons at every level of congregational life.

Church Staff Ministries:

Rev. Bruce Taylor, Minister: minister@uumedford.org
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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

Minister: Rev. Bruce Taylor
Music: Sage Fogle
Hymn/morning song leader: Brendan Shea
Tech Volunteers: April Evans, Brian Wolf, Ann & Robert Heintz



***UU Humanism: The Legacy and the
Promise***

We are glad you are among us today.

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

“The basic content of religious liberalism is freedom”~Curtis W. Reese

Morning Songs

***Hymn #313 O What a Piece of Work We Are**
Words: Malvina Reynolds; music: Southern Harmony (1835)

***Hymn #297 The Star of Truth**
Words: John Andrew Storey; music: Dede Duson

***Hymn #295 Sing Out Praises for the Journey**
Words: Mark DeWolfe, Joyce P. Rice; music: Henry Purcell

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude Photograph Ed Sheeran

Call to Worship Robert French Leavens

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting Albert Schweitzer

*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 #128 For All That Is Our Life**
Words: Bruce Findlow; music: Patrick L. Rickey

A Time for All Ages How Do We Know What Is True?
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 Power
Words: Rupī Kaur; music: Sage Fogle

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

Meditation The Layers Stanley Kunitz

Silent Meditation

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

Sermon UU Humanism: the Legacy and the Promise

***Hymn #288 All Are Architects**
Words: Henry W. Longfellow; music: Thomas Benjamin

***Community Closing and Benediction Barbara Pescan**

Postlude Good Day Sunshine
John Lennon & Paul McCartney

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