

Sunday, March 3, 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.

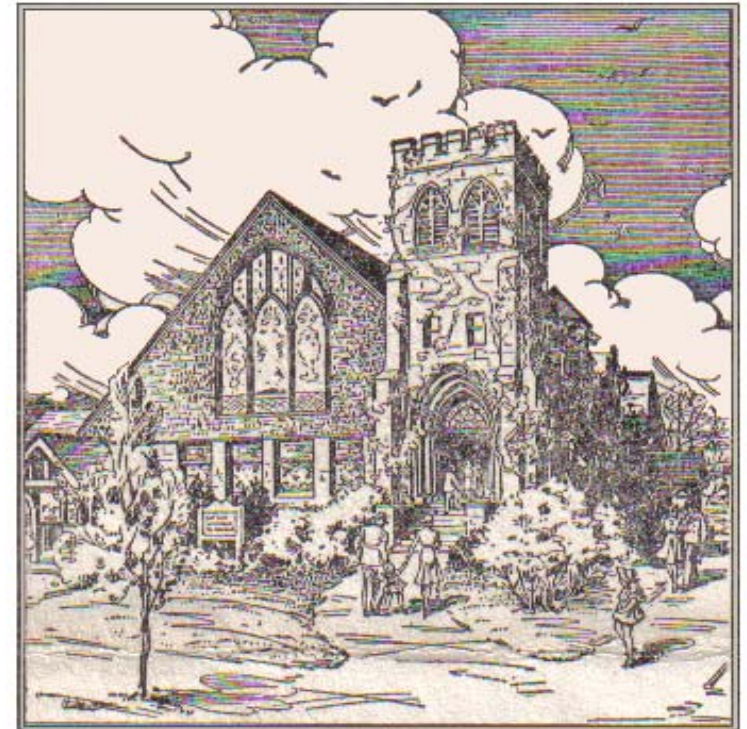
UU Church of Medford welcomes everyone and is recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association as a Welcoming Congregation. This means that we are a church that is inclusive and expressive of the concerns of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons at every level of congregational life.

**Church Staff Ministries:**

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

Service leader: Rev. Hank Peirce  
Worship Associate: Geoff Ward  
Music: Russell Tripp  
Tech Volunteers: April Evans, Andey Amata, Mary MacNamee



***Barbieland: Losing Paradise***

*We are glad you are among us today.*

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

**“Why stop with three chords when we are reaching for the moon and the stars?” ~Patti Smith**

## **Morning Songs**

**\*Hymn #112      Do You Hear?**

**Words: Emily L. Thorn; music: Union Harmony (1837)**

**\*Hymn #18      What Wondrous Love is This?**

**Words: American folk hymn; music: The Southern Harmony (1835)**

**\*Hymn #121      We'll Build a Land**

**Words: Barbara Zanotti; music: Carolyn McDade**

## **The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit**

**Prelude      Poème      Léon Böellmann**

**Call to Worship      Rev. Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson**

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Chalice Lighting      Rev. Bets Wienecke**

## **\*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 #38      Morning Has Broken**

**Words: Eleanor Farjeon; music: Gaelic melody**

**A Time for All Ages**

**Rev. Hank**

## **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      Johann Georg Sachs**

## **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**

**Prayer      Rev. Hank**

## **Silent Meditation**

**Reading      from The Cost of Living by Arundhati Roy**

**Sermon      Barbieland: Losing Paradise**

**\*Hymn #1017      Building a New Way**

**Words & music: Martha Sandefer**

**\*Community Closing and Benediction      Rev. Erika Hewitt**

**Postlude      Be Ours a Religion      Thomas Benjamin**

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