

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.

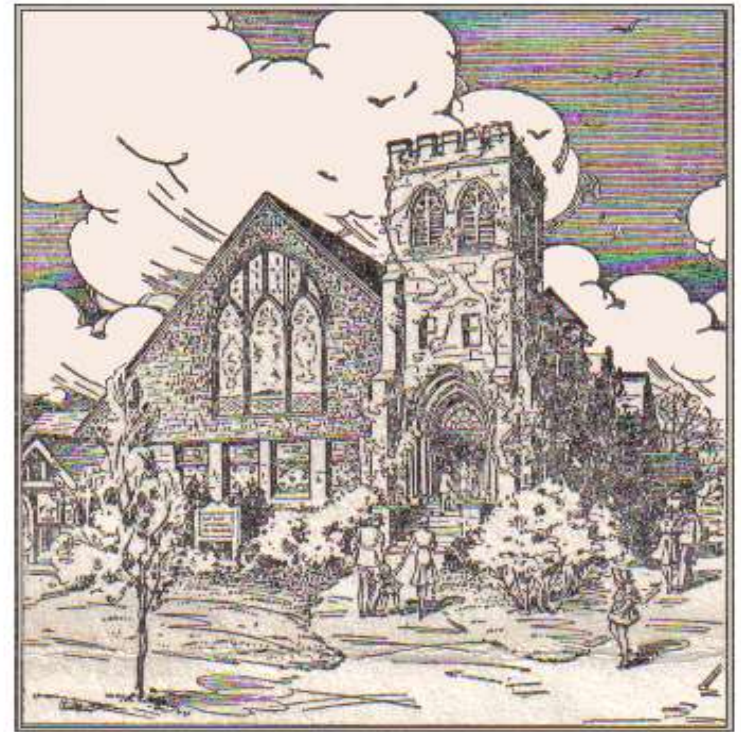
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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

Minister: Rev. Bruce Taylor
Music: Sage Fogle
Hymn/morning song leaders: Trevor Pearce and Alex Marne Smith
Tech Volunteers: Loretta Hubley, Paul Marcucilli,
Ann & Robert Heintz

Sunday, March 10, 2024 Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford



Cutting Through the Tyranny of Time

We are glad you are among us today.

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

“How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives.”
~Annie Dillard

Morning Songs

***Hymn #22 Dear Weaver of Our Lives’ Design**
Words: Nancy C. Dorian; music: Nikolaus Herman

***Hymn #331 Life Is the Greatest Gift of All**
Words: William E. Oliver; music: James Leith McBeth Bain

***Hymn #352 Find a Stillness**
Words: Carl G. Seaburg; music: Transylvanian hymn tune

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude Allerseelen Richard Strauss

Call to Worship Beginning Again on the Conscious Journey
Marta I. Valentín

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting In the Meantime Kathleen C. Rolenz

*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 #51 Lady of the Seasons’ Laughter**
Words: Kendyl L. R. Gibbons; music: David Hurd

A Time for All Ages Celebrating Our Community
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 Chorale #5 J.S. Bach

Offering response:

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

Special Music Turn, Turn, Turn The Byrds

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Meditation Reading One World at a Time
Joshua Searle-White

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #289 Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give**
Words: William DeWitt Hyde; music: English melody

Sermon Cutting Through the Tyranny of Time

***Hymn #108 My Life Flows On in Endless Song**
Words: early Quaker song; music: American gospel tune

***Community Closing and Benediction Leslie Takahashi**

Postlude Vilja’s Lied Franz Lehár

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