

Sunday, March 24, 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.

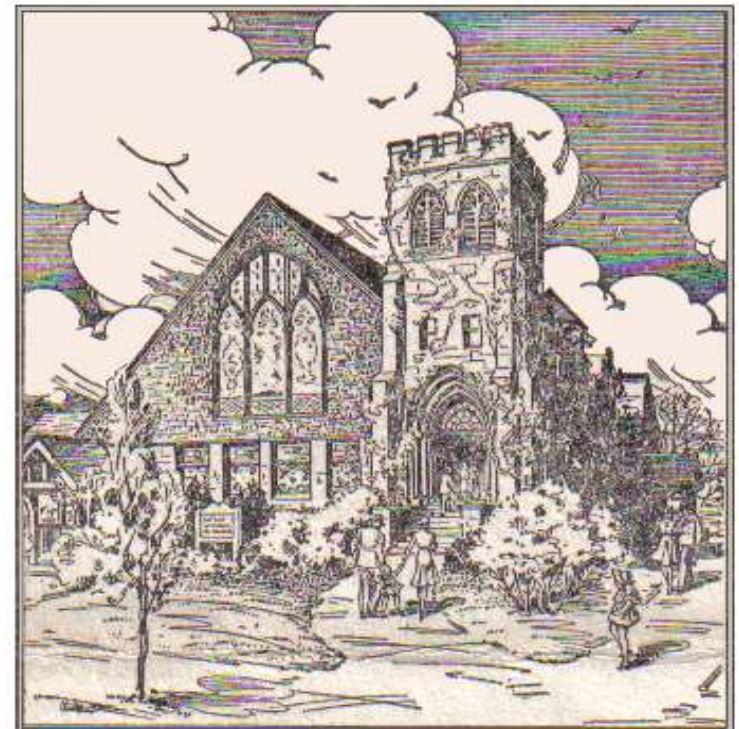
UU Church of Medford welcomes everyone and is recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association as a Welcoming Congregation. This means that we are a church that is inclusive and expressive of the concerns of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons at every level of congregational life.

Church Staff Ministries:

Rev. Bruce Taylor, Minister: ***minister@uumedford.org***
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Jim Costello, Sexton
The Caring Team: ***uucm-caring@groups.io***

Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

Minister: Rev. Bruce Taylor
Music: Russell Tripp
Hymn/morning song leader: Alex Daum
Tech Volunteers: Loretta Hubley, Dennis Keane, Michael Glenn



The Meaning of the Passion

We are glad you are among us today.

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

“Let us live in such a way that when we die our love will survive and continue to grow.” ~Michael Leunig

Morning Songs

***Hymn #388 Dona Nobis Pacem**
Traditional Canon

***Hymn #318 We Would Be One**
Words: Samuel Anthony Wright; music: Jean Sibelius

***Hymn #1074 Turn the World Around**
Words & music: Harry Belafonte

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude Romance Anton Rubinstein

Call to Worship The Growing Edge
Howard Thurman

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting Commitment to Each Other
Dorothy McRae-McMahon

***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 #116 I'm On My Way**
Words & music: traditional African-American folk

Canvass Testimonial Lily MacNamee

A Time for All Ages Celebrating Women's History month:
Shirley Chisholm 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 Organ Piece Charles Heinrich Rinck

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 Jesus Entering Jerusalem Mark 11:1-10

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #168 One More Step Words & music: Joyce Poley**

Sermon The Meaning of the Passion

***Hymn #1018 Come and Go with Me**
Words & music: unknown enslaved composer

***Community Closing and Benediction Sidney L. Freeman**

Postlude One More Step Joyce Poley

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