

Sunday, March 31, 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.

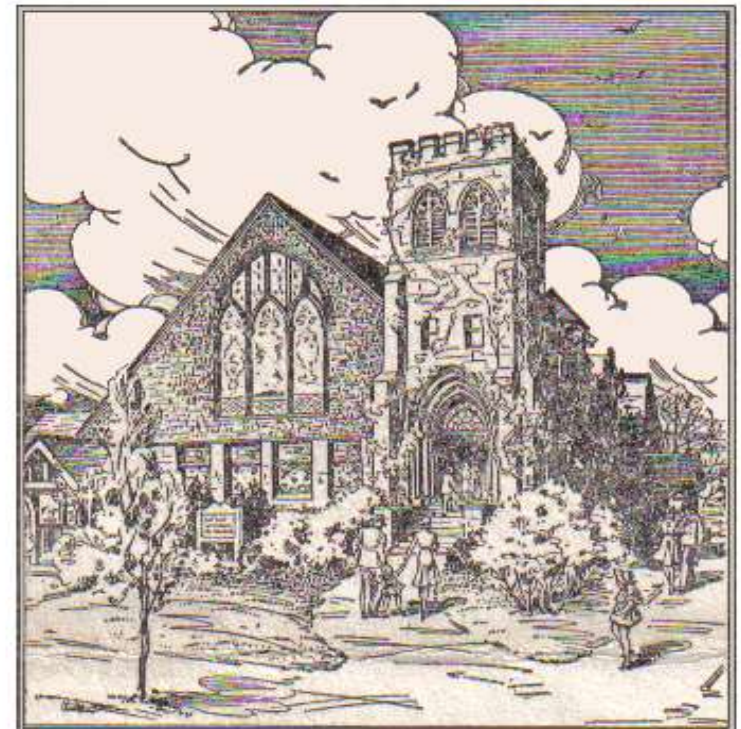
UU Church of Medford welcomes everyone and is recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association as a Welcoming Congregation. This means that we are a church that is inclusive and expressive of the concerns of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons at every level of congregational life.

Church Staff Ministries:

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

Worship Leader: Hillary Mullins
Worship Associate: April Evans
Music: Sage Fogle, UUCM Choir
Tech Volunteers: Joan and Dennis Keane, Mary MacNamee



Practicing Resurrection

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 light that’s in your eyes/Reminds me of the skies/That shine above
us every day” ~James Baldwin*

Morning Songs

***Hymn #323 Break Not the Circle**
Words: Fred Kaan; music: Thomas Benjamin

***Hymn #98 Loveliest of Trees**
Words: A. E, Housman; music: medieval French melody

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude Loveliest of Trees George Butterworth

Call to Worship From “Nothing Personal” James Baldwin

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting From “Nothing Personal” James Baldwin

***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 #266 Now the Green Blade Riseth Words:**
John McLeod Campbell Crum; music: medieval French carol

A Time for All Ages Why the Egg? Susan Jhirad

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)

Testimonial for Pledge Drive

Trevor Pearce

Opportunity for Generosity:

Music Chorale #8 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.

Choir Performance Love is the Spirit of this Church

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Meditation Morning Poem Mary Oliver

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #6 Just as Long as I have Breath**
Words: Alicia S. Carpenter; music: Johann G. Ebeling

Sermon Practicing Resurrection

***Hymn #212 We Are Dancing Sarah’s Circle**
Words: Carole A. Etzler; music: African-American Spiritual

***Community Closing and Benediction James Baldwin**

Postlude Die Nebensonnen Franz Schubert

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