

Sunday, April 14, 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](http://www.uumedford.org); Facebook: *Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford*; email: [office@uumedford.org](mailto: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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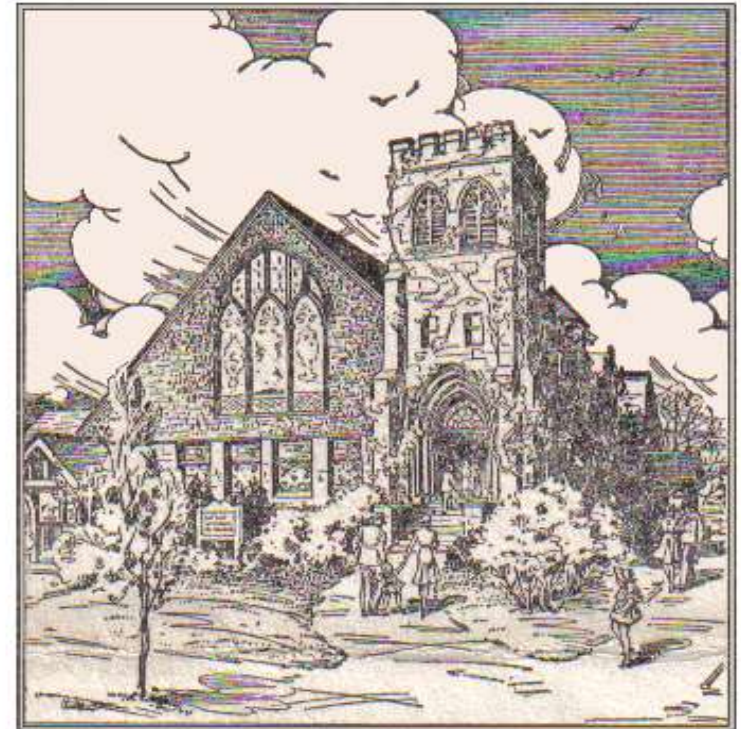
**Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:**

Service Leader: Pat McGauley

Worship Associate: Lu Traina

Music: Alex Daum, vocalist, Andey Amata, guitar, Sage Fogle, piano

Tech Volunteers: Mary MacNamee, Dennis Keane, Andy Amata



***Me & 9 to 5***

*We are glad you are among us today.*

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

*“Women belong in all places decisions are being made”  
~Ruth Bader Ginsburg*

## Morning Songs

**\*Hymn #151 I Wish I Knew How**  
*Words & music: Billy Taylor and Dick Dallas*

**\*Hymn #1017 Building A New Way**  
*Words & music: Martha Sandefer*

**\*Hymn #**

## The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

**Prelude Girl on Fire** *Alicia Keys*

**Call to Worship “Do the best you can...”** *Maya Angelou*

## Welcome and Greeting

**Chalice Lighting “Women...”** *Coretta Scott King*

## \*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.

**Special Music 9 to 5** *Dolly Parton*

**A Time for All Ages Moses and Passover** *Mimi Oliver*

## 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 #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.

**\*Hymn #131 Love Will Guide Us**  
*Words: Sally Rogers; music: traditional, arr. Betty A. Wylder*

## Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

**Meditation “Courage Is ...”** *Maya Angelou*

## Silent Meditation

**Sermon Me & 9 to 5**

**\*Hymn Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around**  
*African American Spiritual w/text alterations by Pat McGauley*

## \*Community Closing and Benediction

**Postlude 9 to 5** *Dolly Parton*

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