

Sunday, April 21, 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.

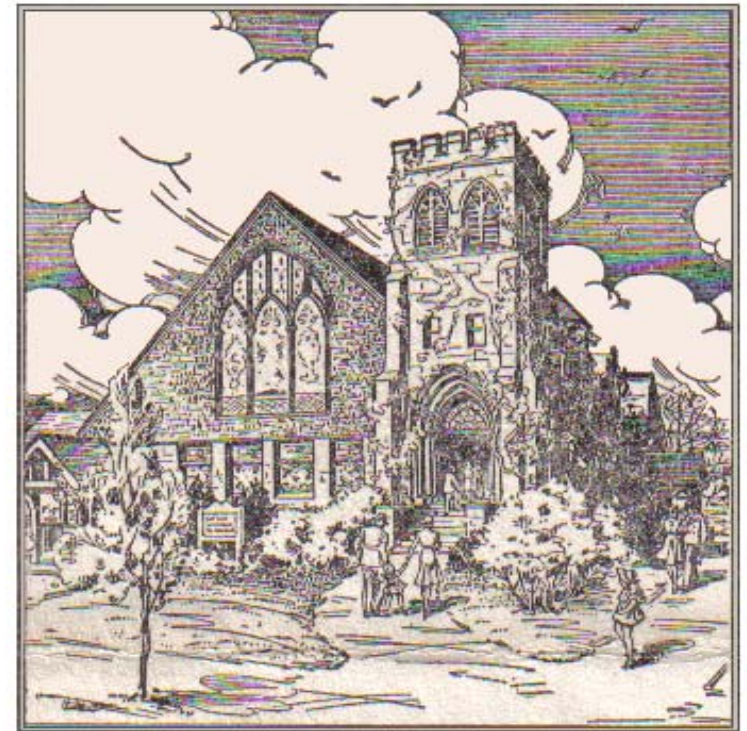
UU Church of Medford welcomes everyone and is recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association as a Welcoming Congregation. This means that we are a church that is inclusive and expressive of the concerns of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons at every level of congregational life.

Church Staff Ministries:

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

Minister: Rev. Bruce Taylor
Music: Sage Fogle and Gigi Stroncek
Tech Volunteers: Loretta Hubley, Paul Marcucilli, Michael Glenn



Jesus and Buddha as Brothers

We are glad you are among us today.

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

“There is no way to peace. Peace is the way.” ~A. J. Muste

Morning Songs

***Hymn #60 In Time of Silver Rain**
Words: Langston Hughes; music: George Theophilus Walker

***Hymn #185 Your Mercy, Oh Eternal One**
Words: Rabindranath Tagore; music: Scottish Psalter (1615)

***Hymn #184 Be Ye Lamps unto Yourselves**
Words: attr. to Gautama Buddha; music: Sarum Antiphonal

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude Morning, Early Spring Gigi Stroncek

Call to Worship Kathleen McTigue

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting Orlanda Brugnola

***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 #194 Faith Is a Forest**
Words: Shelley Jackson Denham; music: Chinese folk song

A Time for All Ages Celebrating Earth Day 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)

New Member Recognition Scott Allen, Mark Castle, Carter Chamberlain, Mary Cate Gustafson, Reid Gustafson, Adam Hoover, Trevor Pearce, Alex Marne Smith

Opportunity for Generosity:

Music Chorale #10 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.

Music In einem Lichten Morgen Clara Schumann

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Meditation Lesbian Visibility Day Rev. Bruce Taylor

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #181 No Matter If You Live Now Far or Near**
Words: Sutta Nopata; music: Indian melody

Sermon Jesus and Buddha as Brothers

***Hymn #301 Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!**
Words & music: Grace Lewis-McLaren

***Community Closing and Benediction Kathleen McTigue**

Postlude Let there be Peace on Earth
Charles Webb and Jill Jackson

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