

Sunday, May 19, 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](mailto:office@uumedford.org); or telephone (781) 396-4549.

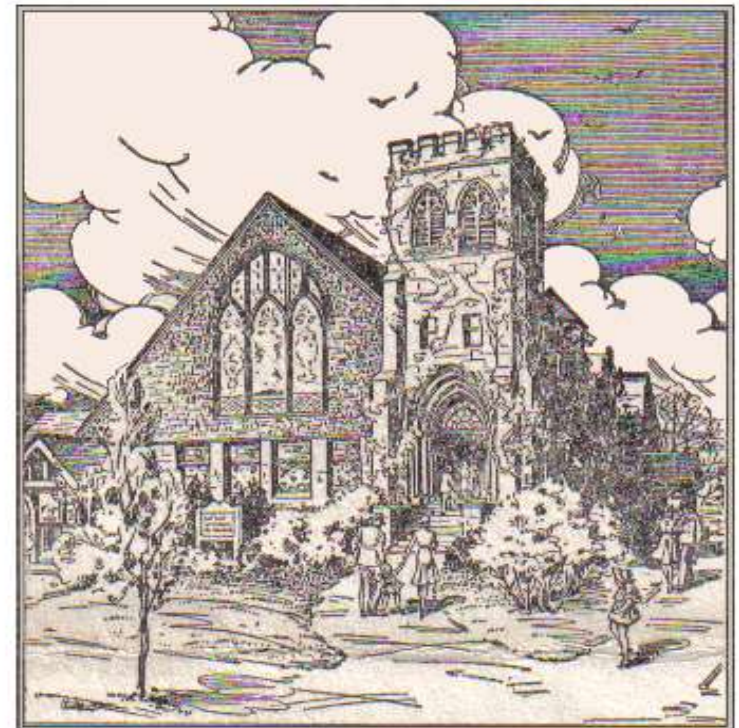
UU Church of Medford welcomes everyone and is recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association as a Welcoming Congregation. This means that we are a church that is inclusive and expressive of the concerns of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons at every level of congregational life.

**Church Staff Ministries:**

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**Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:**

Minister: Rev. Bruce Taylor  
Music: Sage Fogle, UUCM Choir, Paul Marcucilli, Rev. Bruce  
Tech Volunteers: Joan and Dennis Keane, Michael Glenn



***Shared Ministry and Covenant***

*We are glad you are among us today.*

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

***“If we have love, no disagreement can harm us. If we do not have love, no agreement can help us.” ~Hosea Ballou***

## **Morning Songs**

**\*Hymn #317      We Are Not Our Own**  
***Words: Brian Wren; music: David Hurd***

**\*Hymn #300      With Heart and Mind**  
***Words: Alicia S. Carpenter; music: Johann Hermann Schein***

## **The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit**

**Prelude                      Improvisation                      *Sage Fogle***

**Call to Worship - responsive reading #591**  
***James Luther Adams***

## **Welcome and Greeting**

**Chalice Lighting                                      *Annie Dillard***

## **\*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 #288                      All are Architects**  
***Words: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; music: Thomas Benjamin***

**A Time for All Ages    “Stone Soup”                      *Portuguese Folktale***

**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                      Charole #11                      *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                      Allegro in G Major      *Ludwig van Beethoven***  
***Paul Marcucilli and Rev. Bruce Taylor, flutes***

## **Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones**

**Music                      One Small Voice                      *Jeff Moss***  
***Performance by UUCM Choir***

**Meditation      The Wisdom to Survive                      *Wendell Berry***

## **Silent Meditation**

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

**Sermon                                      Shared Ministry and Covenant**

**\*Hymn #294      Our Praise We Give**  
***Words: John Coleman Adams; music: Percy Carter Buck***

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

**Postlude                      All Are Architects                      *Thomas Benjamin***

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