

Sunday, May 26, 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.

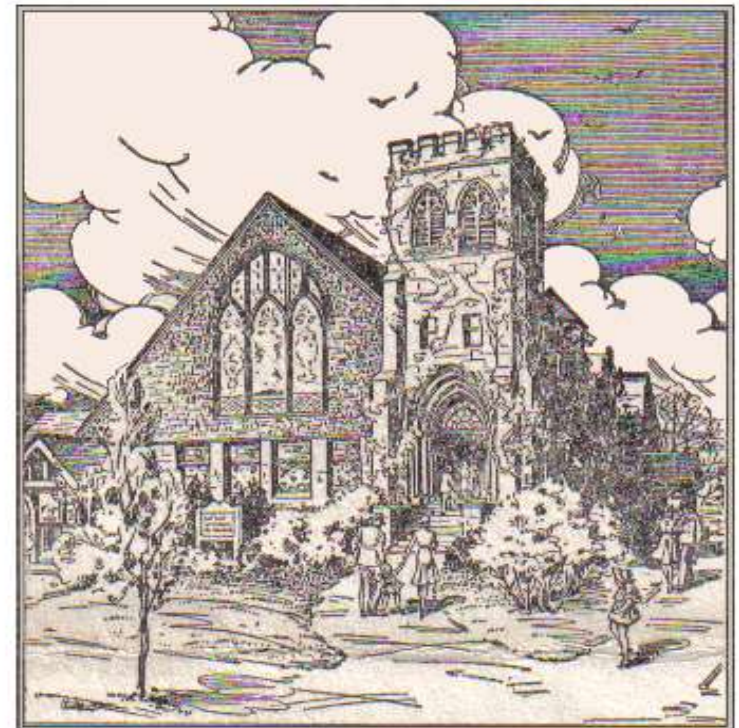
UU Church of Medford welcomes everyone and is recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association as a Welcoming Congregation. This means that we are a church that is inclusive and expressive of the concerns of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons at every level of congregational life.

Church Staff Ministries:

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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

Service Leaders: Will McMillan, Molly Ruggles
Worship Associate: Carole Bundy
Tech Volunteers: April Evans, Andey Amata, Steve Schmidt



The Gospel According to Irving

We are glad you are among us today.

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

***“Irving Berlin has no place in American music —
he IS American music.” ~Jerome Kern***

Morning Songs

***Hymn #38 Morning Has Broken**
Eleanor Farjeon/Gaelic Melody

***Hymn #29 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**
Henry Van Dyke/Ludwig van Beethoven

***Hymn #159 This Is My Song**
Lloyd Stone/Jean Sibelius

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude “Let Me Sing and I’m Happy” *Irving Berlin*

Call to Worship Music Arises *Arlen Goff*

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting Different Yet United *Pat Uribe-Lichty*

***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 #108 My Life Flows on in Endless Song**
Quaker/Gospel

A Time for All Ages Songs to Help You Live Your Life

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 “It’s a Lovely Day Today” *Irving Berlin*

Offering response:

We are grateful for these gifts we have received,
that sustain us and affirm the ministries of our church community.

***Hymn #203 All Creatures of the Earth and Sky**
St. Francis/Ralph Vaughan Williams

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Meditation I Will Lift Up My Voice *Robert Weston*

Silent Meditation

Anthem “I Got the Sun in The Morning” *Irving Berlin*

Sermon The Gospel According to Irving

Hymn “Count Your Blessings” *Irving Berlin

Community Closing and Benediction *Charles Howe

Postlude “You’d Be Surprised” *Irving Berlin*

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