

Sunday, June 9, 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.

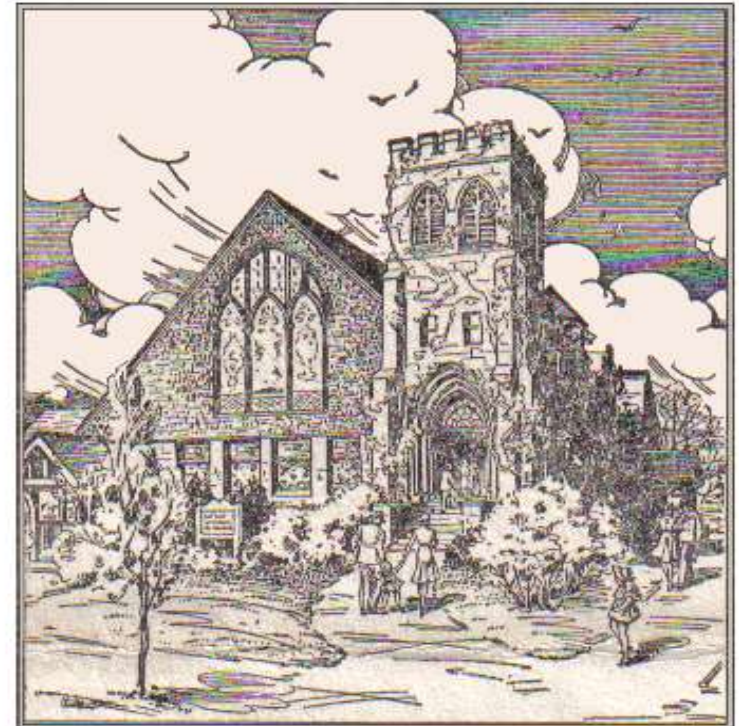
UU Church of Medford welcomes everyone and is recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association as a Welcoming Congregation. This means that we are a church that is inclusive and expressive of the concerns of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons at every level of congregational life.

Church Staff Ministries:

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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

Minister: Rev. Bruce Taylor
Music: Sage Fogle
Tech Volunteers: Tech: Joan & Dennis Keane, Pradeep Mahale



Look Well to the Growing Edge

We are glad you are among us today.

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

“Look to this day: for it is life, the very life of life” ~Kalidasa

Morning Songs

***Hymn #177** **Sakura**
Japanese folk song; English words by Edwin Markham

***Hymn #51** **Lady of the Seasons’ Laughter**
Words: Kendyl Gibbons; music: David Hurd

***Hymn #64** **Oh, Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today**
Words: Robert Frost; music: Cyril V. Taylor

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude **Excerpt from “The Flower Duet” from *Lakmé***
Léo Delibes

Call to Worship **Kalidasa**

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting **Richard M. Fewkes**

*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 #128** **For All That Is Our Life**
Words: Bruce Findlow; music: Patrick L. Rickey

A Time for All Ages

Flower Communion

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 #14** **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.

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Meditation **The Growing Edge** **Howard Thurman**

Silent Meditation

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

Sermon **Look Well to the Growing Edge**

***Hymn #1** **May Nothing Evil Cross This Door**
Words: Louis Untermeyer; music: Robert N. Quaile

***Community Closing and Benediction** **Orlanda Brugnola**

Postlude **To a Wild Rose** **Edward MacDowell**

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