

Sunday, September 22, 2024

The Future Isn't What It Used to Be

If you are reading this, you are amazingly lucky to be alive right now, because today is the best time to be alive in human history. Yesterday was the best time before that, and I can't wait to see what tomorrow brings. Daniel Szafir

Morning Songs (2-3)

*Hymn #146: Soon the Day will Arrive

Words: Ehud Manor ; music: Nurit Hirsch

*Hymn #1068: Rising Green

Words & music: Carolyn McDade

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Die Rose, Die Lilie, Die Taube

by Robert Schumann

Call to Worship

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting: "A Flame to Light Our Path"

Debra Burrell

*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 #396: I Know this Rose will Open

Words & Music: Mary Grigolia

A Time for All Ages: "Woo Hoo, You're Doing Great!"

Sandra Boynton

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: Chorale #42

JS Bach

(if using a reading or quote to introduce offering, put that info after Opportunity for Generosity and add a separate line "Offertory" with the info about the music)

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

Prayer

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #12:** O Life that Maketh All Things New

Words & music: Samuel Longfellow

Sermon: The Future Isn't What It Used to Be

***Hymn #163:** For the Earth Forever Turning

Words & music: Kim Oler

Our Story – Sage Fogle

***Community Closing**

Postlude: Where's That Rainbow?

By Rodgers & Hart

*You are invited to rise as you are able

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.

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Welcoming Congregation

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford 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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Hymn Leader: Carole Bundy_____

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