

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford

Do not Forget to Rejoice



John Greenleaf Whittier asked Ralph Waldo Emerson what he prayed for, and Emerson replied: "When I first open my eyes upon the morning meadows and look upon the beautiful world, I thank God I am alive and that I live so near Boston."

Morning Songs (2-3)

*Hymn #361 Enter Rejoice and Come In
Words: Louise Ruspini; music: Betty A. Wylder

*Hymn #1046: Shall We Gather at the River
Words & music: Robert Lowy

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Count on Me

by Bruno Mars

Call to Worship:

Welcome and Greeting

***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 #1: May Nothing Evil Cross this Door
Words: Louis Untermeyer; Music: Robert N. Quaile

A Time for All Ages

Rev. Hank Peirce & Mimi Olivier

Water Communion

Opportunity for Generosity: Chorale #40

JS 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

Silent Meditation

Reading: Romans 12: 9-21 (NRSV)

Sermon: Do Not Forget to Rejoice

Rev. Hank Peirce

***Hymn #1017** Building a New Way

Words & music: Martha Sandefer

Our Story

Liz Ammons

***Community Closing and Benediction:**

Liz Ammons

Postlude: Come, Sing a Song with Me

Carolyn McDade Carolyn McDade

*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.

For more information about the church:

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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.

Church Staff

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Jim Costello, Sexton

Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

Guest Minister Rev. Hank Peirce

Music: : Sage Fogle

Hymn Leader: Daric Delfino

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