

Sunday, September 15, 2024

Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford

Risking Joy



"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Psalms 30:5

Morning Songs

*Hymn #1060: As We Sing of Hope and Joy

Elizabeth Alexander

*Hymn #118: This Little Light of Mine

Unknown African-American composer

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Voluntary in B-flat

Caleb Simper

Call to Worship:

Jelaluddin Rumi

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting #452

Marjorie Montgomery

*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 Welcome In

Sarina Partridge

A Time for All Ages: The Children's Rainforest

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: Piece No. XXIV

Leon Boellmann

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 or Responsive Reading #612: Fearful Joy

Rabindranath Tagore

***Hymn:** Last Day on This Earth

David Roth

Sermon: Risking Joy

***Hymn:** This Joy I Have

Shirley Caesar

Our Story

***Community Closing:** On the Brink

Leslie Takahashi

Postlude: There is More Love Somewhere

Unknown African-American composer

*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

Mimi Olivier, Children's Program Director: dre@uumedford.org

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Jim Costello, Sexton

Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:

Guest Minister: Rev. Fred Small

Music: Russell Tripp and Rev. Small

Hymn Leader: Abby Outtersen

Tech Volunteers: Andey Amata, Steve Schmidt
and Mary MacNamee