

Sunday, October 6, 2024
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**



A Seat at the Table
Terry E. Carter

"You've got to learn to leave the table when love's no longer being served."

Nina Simone

Morning Songs

Hymn #6: Just as Long as I Have Breath

Words: Alicia S. Carpenter; music: Johann D. Ebeling

Hymn #16: 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple

Words: Joseph Bracket; music: American Shaker Tune

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Come Sunday

Lara Downes & Friend

Call to Worship: Shift the Atmosphere

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting #637: A Litany of Atonement

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 #52: In Sweet Fields of Autumn

Words: Elizabeth Madison; music: William James Kilpatrick

A Time for All Ages: "The Hardest Word"

Jaqueline Jules

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 #43.

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

Poem: Freedom Song

Special Music: Let Us Break Bread Together

African American Spiritual

Let us break bread together on our knees (x2)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun
O Lord, have mercy on me
Let us praise God together on our knees ...
Let us share truth together on our knees ...
Let us love the world together on our knees ...

Sermon: A Seat at the Table

Hymn #67: We Sing Now Together Words: Edwin T Buehrer; music: Adrianus Valerius

Our Story

Geoff Ward

Community Closing: When the Love Arrives

Postlude: Happy

Pharrell Williams

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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