

Sunday, November 3rd, 2024
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**
Day of the Dead Celebration



Rev. Lilia Cuervo & Janice Darling

“... Let me die laughing, savoring one of life's crazy moments. Let me die holding the hand of one I love, and recalling that I tried to love and was loved in return. Let me die remembering that life has been good, and that I did what I could. But today, just remind me that I am dying so that I can live, savor, and love with all my heart”

Mark Morrison-Reed

Morning Songs

Hymn #88 Calm Soul of All Things

Words: Matthew Arnold; Music: Thomas Tallis

Hymn #123 Spirit of Life/Fuente de Amor

Carolyn McDade. Translation Ervin Barrios

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude

Leon Boellmann

Welcome and Greeting:

Call to Worship: “Let Me Die Laughing”

Mark Morrison-Reed

Chalice Lighting

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 #347 Gather the Spirit

Jim Scott

A Time for All Ages: “Day of the Dead and the Ofrenda”

Mimi Olivier, Janice Darling

Time to Honor and Remember our Beloved Dead

Lilia Cuervo, Janice Darling, Susan Jhirad

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: Meditation

Leon Boellmann

Offering Response

We are grateful for these gifts we have received,
that sustain us and affirm the ministries of our church community.

Pastoral Prayer:

Silent Meditation

Responsive Reading: “This Sacred Thread”

Heather K. Janules

Special Music: Remember Me

Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez
Sung by Carole Bundy and Abigail Outtersen

Sermon: “A Compassionate Way to Face Our Death and That of Those We Love”

Hymn # 301 Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!

Grace Lewis-McLaren

Extinguishing the Chalice

Community Closing: Kaddish prayer for mourners

The Reform Jewish Prayerbook

Postlude: The Human Touch Can Light the Flame

Music: Lee H. Bristol, Jr.

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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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service

Service Leaders: Rev. Lilia Cuervo and Janice Darling

Worship Associate: Steve Schmidt

Music: Russell Tripp, Carole Bundy, Abigail Outtersen

Tech Volunteers: Joan Keane, Paul Marcucilli, Mary Macnamee, Nathanael Douglas