

Sunday, November 17, 2024
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**
Keeping Watch in Balance



Rabbi Jessica Dell'Era

"In a place where there is no one, strive to be someone."

Pirkei Avot 2:5, (The Ethics of Our Ancestors)

Morning Songs

B'tzelem Elohim (In the Image of God)

Dan Nichols

Olam Chesed Yibaneh (The World Shall Be Built From Love)

Rabbi Menachem Creditor; Arabic translation: Amer Abu Arqub

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Psyché

Emile Paladilhe

Call to Worship: Midrash Tanchuma: Mishpatim 2

Welcome and Greeting

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 #189: Light of Ages and of Nations

Words: Samuel Longfellow; Music: Hollantse Boerenlieties en Contradanseu

A Time for All Ages:

Rabbi Dell'Era

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 #50

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

Prayer: Ken Y'hi Ratzon (May it be God's Will)

Elana Arian

Reading: Prayer for Transgender Day of Remembrance

Rabbi Reuben Zellman

Choir Performance: Pink Pony Club

Chappell Roan and Dan Nigro

Sermon: Keeping Watch in Balance

Bashanah Haba'ah (In the Year to Come)

Words: Ehud Manor & Music: Nurit Hirsch

Our Story

Community Closing: Burn Through Your Devastation

Chelan Harkin

Postlude: Pink Pony Club

Chappell Roan

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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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service

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