

Sunday, December 1st, 2024
**Unitarian Universalist Church of
Medford**

**A Compassionate Dream:
The Enlightened Light Guides Us
Through Darkness**



Santosh Raut

The greatest thing that the Buddha has done is to tell the world that the world cannot be reformed except by the reformation of the mind of man and of the mind of the world

Bodhisattva Babasaheb Ambedkar

Morning Songs

*Hymn 345: With Joy, we Claim the Growing Light

Words: Samuel Longfellow; music: Musicalisches Handbuch Hamburg

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: This Little Light of Mine

Traditional Melody arr. Sage Fogle

Call to Worship: Sitting with the Luminous Mind

(The Buddha's expression)

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting: *"Monks, be islands unto yourselves, be your own refuge, having no other; let the Dhamma be an island and a refuge to you. Those who are islands unto themselves... should investigate to the body's impermanence, its change-ability, it's waning, it's ceasing, he says, 'formerly as now, all bodies were impermanent and unsatisfactory, and subject to change.' Thus, seeing this as it really is, with perfect insight, he abandons all sorrow, lamentation, grief, and despair. He is not worried at their abandonment but unworried lives at ease, and thus living at ease; he is said to be 'assuredly delivered.'"*

The Buddha (Attadipaa Sutta)

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 #148: Let Freedom Span Both East and West

Words: Jacob Trapp; Music: African American Spiritual, arr. H.T. Burleigh

A Time for All Ages: Siddhartha

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 #52

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: Lotus in the Mind

Santosh Raut (Om Mani Padme Hum)

Silent Meditation

Responsive Reading: Bodhisattva Vows

1. "There are beings without limit,
Let us take the vow to convey them all across.
2. There are depravities in us without number,
Let us take the vow to extinguish them all.
3. There are truths without end,
Let us take the vow to comprehend them all.
4. There is the Way of Buddha without comparison,
Let us take the vow to accomplish it perfectly.

Sermon: A Compassionate Dream: An Enlightened Light Through The Darkness

Hymn #346: Come, Sing a Song with Me

Carolyn McDade

Our Story

Community Closing:

Postlude: This Little Light of Mine

Traditional Melody, arr. Sage Fogle

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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