

Sunday, November 24th, 2024
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**
Be Not Afraid



Rev. Fred Small

***“When conditions are sufficient, things manifest.
When conditions are no longer sufficient, things withdraw.
They wait until the moment is right for them to manifest again.”***

Thich Nhat Hanh

Morning Songs

Hymn # 83 Winds Be Still

Words: Richard S. Kimball; music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Hymn # 1025: When Will the Fighting Cease?

Words: Nick Page and Nina Penfold; music: Melchior Franck

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Opening Voluntary

Caleb Simpper

Call to Worship: “To Sit with Grief”

Jamie Lee Finch

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting: #447

Albert Schweitzer

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: I Feel like Going On

Edwin Hawkins

A Time for All Ages: Ekanchu and the Tree of Life

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: Andante

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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

Reading: Love Abides

Barbara Pescan

Silent Meditation

Sermon: Be Not Afraid

Hymn # 100: I've Got Peace like a River

Marvin Frey

Our Story:

Community Closing: "Blessing the Boats"

Lucille Clifton

Postlude: Larghetto

Caleb Simper

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.

Church Staff

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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service

Service Leader: Rev. Fred Small

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