

Sunday, December 8th, 2024
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**

What's our Good News?

Carol Schachet



"God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars."

Martin Luther

Morning Songs

Hymn #55: Dark of Winter

Shelley Jackson Denham

Hymn #168: One More Step

Joyce Poley

Hymn #208: Every Time I Feel the Spirit

African American spiritual, arr. William Farley Smith

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Ain't a that Good News!

William L. Dawson, arr. Sage Fogle

Call to Worship: As We Gather Together This Morning

Bets Wienecke

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting:

adapted from Paul Sprecher

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 in Spirit

Jim Scott

A Time for All Ages: Youth Leaders Working for a Better Tomorrow

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)

Our Story

Steve Schmidt

Opportunity for Generosity: Chorale #54

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/Meditation

Wayne B. Arnason

Special Music: Imagine

John Lennon

Sermon: What's Our Good News?

Hymn #12: O Life that Maketh all things New

Words: Samuel Longfellow; music: Thomas Williams

Community Closing:

John Murray

Postlude: Ain't a that Good News

Composer: William L. Dawson, arr. Damian Sneed

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 Leader: Carol Schachet

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