

Sunday, December 29th, 2024
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**
Multi-gods



Carter Chamberlain

***On that path, to whatsoever place one would travel,
that place one's own self becomes.***

Æ (George William Russell)

Morning Songs

Hymn #1067: Mother Earth, Beloved Garden

Amanda Udis-Kessler

Hymn #328: I Sought the Wood in Summer

Hymn #328: I Sought the Wood in Summer

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

William Draper (arr. R. Vaughan Williams)

Call to Worship: The Candle of Vision

Æ (George William Russell)

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting: Brigid's Home Blessing (excerpt)

OBOD*

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 #235: Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly

Words: Traditional Welsh; Music: Old Welsh carol

A Time for All Ages: Cailleach and Brigid

Celtic Folklore

Narrator: Carter Chamberlain

Performers: Mimi Olivier, Lucille Traina and Steve Schmidt

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: A Human Situation (poem)

Nuinn

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

Meditation/Summoning: Cailleach

Samhuinn Solo Rite, 3000 BCE

Hymn #194: Faith is a Forest

Words: Shelley Jackson Denham; music: Chinese folk song

Sermon: Cailleach and Brigid

Responsive Reading #543: Winter

Greta Crosby

Community Closing: Bardic Grove

OBOD

Postlude: Earth Was Given as a Garden

Rowland Hugh Prichard

***The future enters into us,
in order to transform itself in us,
long before it happens***

Rilke

*Order of Bards, Ovates, and Druids

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:

Website: **www.uumedford.org**

Facebook: **Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford**

Email: **office@uumedford.org**

Telephone: **(781) 396-4549**

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

Mimi Olivier, Children's Program Director: dre@uumedford.org

Sage Fogle, Music Director: music@uumedford.org

Jim Costello, Sexton

Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service

Service Leader: Carter Chamberlain

Music: Russell Tripp

Tech Volunteers: April Evans, Paul Marcucilli, Nate Douglas