

Sunday, January 5th, 2025
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**

Communities of Resistance and
Resilience

Rev. Laura Randall



*“One of the most vital ways we sustain ourselves is by building communities of resistance,
places where we know we are not alone*

bell hooks

Morning Songs

Hymn #131: Love Will Guide Us

Words: Sally Rogers; music: traditional American tune

Hymn #1018: Come and Go With Me

African American Spiritual, popularized by Willie Johnson

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Improvisation on “Woyaya”

Sage Fogle, tune by Sol Amarifio

Call to Worship:

Megan Visser

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting:

Nadine McSpadden

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 #: 155: Circle Round for Freedom Linda Hirschhorn and Rob Glover

A Time for All Ages: “Together”.

by Mona Damluji, illustrated by Innosanto Nagara

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 #60

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: “A Prayer for When Everything Crumbles to Dust

by AJ Van Tine

Silent Meditation

Reading: “In Case of Apocalypse(s)”

Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto

Hymn #108: My Life Flows on in Endless Song

Robert Lowry

Sermon: Sermon: Communities of Resistance and Resilience

Hymn #170: We Are A Gentle, Angry People

Holly Near

Community Closing:

Postlude: Improvisation on “Woyaya” Theme

Sage Fogle, tune by Sol Amarifio

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

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