

Sunday, January 12th, 2025
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**

To Pass the Winter
Carole Bundy



Let us not wish away the winter. It is a season to itself, not simply the way to spring.

Greta Crosby

Morning Songs

*Hymn # 57: All Beautiful the March of Days

Francis Whitmarsh Wile, words; English melody, music

*Hymn #94: What is This Life

Alicia S. Carpenter, words; Melchoir Vilpius, music

*Hymn #175: We Celebrate the Web of Life

Alicia S. Carpenter, words; Melchoir Vilpius, music

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Voluntary

Caleb Simper

Call to Worship:

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting: May This Light Guide Us

JeKaren Olaoya

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 #352: Find a Stillness.

Carl G. Seaburg, words; Transylvanian hymn

Time for All Ages: The Deer Mother

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

Opportunity for Generosity: When Darkness Nears

David Hurd

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: The Fertile Darkness

Margot Chamberlain

Silent Meditation

Edelweiss

Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein
Carole Bundy, Will McMillan, Brendan Shea

Sermon: To Pass the Winter

Hymn #55: Dark of Winter

Shelley Jackson Denham

Community Closing

Postlude: All Beautiful the March of Days English melody, arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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: Carole Bundy

Music: Russell Tripp, Carole Bundy, Brendan Shea, Will McMillan

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