

Sunday, February 2nd, 2025
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**

Already Broken, Already Whole



Rev. Fred Small

In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the center of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all these people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers. It was like waking from a dream of separateness

Thomas Merton

Morning Songs

Hymn #325: Love Makes a Bridge

Words: Brian Wren; music: Gerald Wheeler

Hymn #322: Thanks Be for These

Words: Richard S. Gilbert; music: Hungarian melody, 16th cent., arr.

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Chorale

Flor Peeter

Call to Worship:

Nancy Shaffer

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting:

Marjorie Montgomery

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 # 318: We Would Be One Words: Samuel Anthony Wright; music: Jean Sibelius

A Time for All Ages: Compassion: A Hasidic Tale

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: Andante

W. A. Mozart

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:

Ted Loder

Silent Meditation

Responsive Reading #536: "Morning Poem"

Mary Oliver

Hymn #6: Just as Long as I Have Breath

Words: Alicia S. Carpenter; music: Johann G. Ebeling

Sermon: Already Broken, Already Whole

Hymn Tree of Life

Guy Carawan

Community Closing:

Postlude: Break Not the Circle

Thomas Benjamin

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

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