

Sunday, February 23rd, 2025
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**

Create From Your Dream
(Eph 3:14-21)
Pastor Gerald Bell



My God let, I beseech thee thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be open and let thine ears be attentive unto the prayer unto the prayer that is made into this place today.

(Chronicles 6:40)

Morning Songs

Hymn #86: Blessed Spirit of my Life

Shelley Jackson Denham

Hymn #38: Morning has Broken

Words: Eleanor Farjeon; music: Gaelic Melody

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: La Promessa

G. Rossini

Performed by Simeng Wu

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:24

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting: #454

Christine Robinson

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 #323: Break not the Circle

Words: Fred Kaan; Music: Thomas Benjamin

A Time for All Ages: "The Young Dreamer"

Gen: 37: 1-10

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: Chorale #68

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

Moment of Silence

Reading: A Dream Deferred

Langston Hughes

Special Music: How Great Thou Art

Stuart K Hine, Arranged by Mark Hayes

Sermon: Create from Your Dream

Hymn #208: Every Time I Feel the Spirit

African American Spiritual adapted by William Farley Smith

Community Closing: Numbers 6:24-26

Postlude: Come Down Angels

Undine Smith Moore

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.

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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service

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