

Sunday, March 3rd, 2025024
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**
Desert Lessons



Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen

Ni pena, ni miedo.

Raúl Zurita

Morning Songs

Hymn #21 For the Beauty of the Earth. Words: Folliott S. Pierpont; Music: Conrad Kocher
Hymn #1022 Open the Window Elise Witt

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Prelude in E-flat

Christian Heinrich Rinck

Call to Worship: Title

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting: Excerpt from *The Sonoran Desert Fact Sheet - Saguaro Cactus*

The Desert Museum, Tucson Arizona

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 #203 All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

Words attributed to Francis of Assisi; Music: German Easter hymn arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

A Time for All Ages: The Cactus

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:

Liz Ammons

Opportunity for Generosity: Adagio

Johann G. Sachs

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

Reading: Excerpt from Incidence of Travel: Recent Journeys in Ancient South America

Hymn: #100 I've Got Peace Like a River

Marvin Frey

Sermon: Desert Lessons

Hymn #155 Circle 'Round for Freedom

Linda Hirchorn

Community Closing:

Postlude: Gather the Spirit

Jim Scott

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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