

Sunday, March 9th, 2025
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**

**In God's Image: Disability
Justice**



Tess Baumberger

God reflects each one of us. Human beings, in all our radical particularity, offer a hundred thousand windows into holy possibility.

Rabbi Julia Watts Belser

Morning Songs

Hymn #1046 Shall We Gather at the River Robert Lowry

Hymn #1007 There's a River Flowin' in my Soul Rose Sanders

Hymn #109 As We Come Marching, Marching.

words by James Oppenheim, music by Caroline Kohlsaat

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Stand By Me

by Lieber, Stiller, and King

Call to Worship: Less beautiful without you

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting:

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 #389 Gathered Here

Philip A. Porter

A Time for All Ages:

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 #70

JS Bach

Our Story

Liz Ammons & Joan Keane

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: Prayer for Moving Forward

by Jo VonRue

Silent Meditation

Responsive Reading: Access Litany Prayer

by Bonnie Vegiard

Hymn # 352 Find a Stillness.

by Carl Seaborg, Transylvanian hymn tune

Sermon: In the Image of God: Disability Justice

Hymn #343 A Firemist and a Planet

words by William Herbert Carruth, traditional New England folk melody

Community Closing: Arms Outstretched, Singing

by Teresa Youngblood

Postlude: "Fight Song"

by Rachel Patten

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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