

Sunday, Date, 2024
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**

Engaging the Powers
Steve Schmidt



The best arguments in the world won't change a person's mind. The only thing that can do that is a good story.

Richard Powers

Morning Songs

Hymn #104 When Israel Was in Egypt's Land.

African American Spiritual

Hymn #170 We Are a Gentle, Angry People.

Holly Near

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Leaving on a Jet Plane

Peter, Paul, and Mary

Call to Worship:

Deng Ming-Dao & Richard Powers

Welcome and Greeting:

Alex Marne Smith

Chalice Lighting: Practice:

Deng Ming-Dao

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 #149 Lift Every Voice and Sing

Words: James Weldon Johnson; Music: J. Rosamond Johnson

A Time for All Ages: The Rabbit Listened

Cori Doerrfeld

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: Imagine

John Lennon

Our Story:

Carolyn Stevens & Adrianne Appel

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

Reading

Silent Reflection

Sermon: Engaging the Powers

Hymn #1031 Filled with Loving Kindness

Words: Traditional Buddhist Meditation; Music: Ian W. Riddell

Community Closing:

Walter Wink & Buddha

Postlude: If I Had a Hammer

Peter, Paul, and Mary

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: Steve Schmidt

Worship Associate: Alex Marne Smith

Music: Sage Fogle

Hymn Leader: Andey Amata

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