

Sunday, April 20th, 2025
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**
Easter 2025



Rev. Hank Peirce

Everything worth doing in the world is a desperate gamble, a game of chance, where nothing is certain. What is love? Is it not a wild and sublime speculation that can end in ecstasy or despair? What is courage? Is it not a hazardous risk of fortune that can end in victory or defeat? What is adventure? Is it not a blind leap in the dark that can end in joy or disaster?

Rev. David O Rankin

Morning Songs

Hymn #1005 : Praise in Springtime

Words: William Channing Gannett; Music: Thomas Benjamin

Hymn #276: O Young and Fearless Prophet

Words: S. Ralph Harlow; Music: William Lloyd

Hymn #121: We'll Build a Land

Words: Barbara Zanotti; Music: Carolyn McDade

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard

Call to Worship:

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 269 Lo the Day of Days is Here

Words: From Frederick Lucian Hosmer; Music: Robert Willians

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)

Our Story:

Loren Bernardi & Joan Keane

Opportunity for Generosity: Chorale #78

JS Bach

Offering Response

We are grateful for these gifts we have received,

that sustain us and affirm the ministries of our church community.

Reading: Matthew 28: 1-10

Prayer

Silent Meditation

Reading: How Do We Choose Courage?

Rev. Meg Riley

Sermon: A Paradise Born in Hell

Hymn # 270 O Day of Light and Gladness:

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer; Music: Henry Smart

Closing Words

Postlude: Morning has Broken

Words: Eleanor Farjeon, Music: traditional Scottish Tune

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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