

Sunday, April 27th, 2025
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**

**“It’s a Sad Song:” Tragedy and Hope in
Hadestown
Abby Outterson**



To the world we dream about, and the one we live in now.

Morning Songs

Hymn #51: Lady of the Season’s Laughter

Words: Kendyl L. R. Gobbens ; Music: David Hurd

Hymn #336: All My Memories of Love

Words: Anna Akhmatova; Music: Solesmes version of plainsong melody

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Fields of Gold

Sting

Call to Worship:

William F. Schulz

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting:

Melanie Davis

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 #346 Come, Sing a Song with Me

Words: Carolyn McDade ; Music: Surtsey Publishing Co.

A Time for All Ages: A Shelter for Sadness

Anne Booth

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 #80

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

Reading: Hadestown Excerpt

Annäis Mitchell

Sermon Part 1: Tragedy

Special Music: Promises

Words & Music: Annäis Mitchell

Sermon: Part 2: Hope

Special Music: We Raise Our Cups

Words & Music: Annäis Mitchell

Community Closing:

Postlude: Fields of Gold

Sting

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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