

Sunday, May 4, 2025
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**

Holding it All in the Heartland

Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen



***Why do you write poems when death is all around us? Because death is all around us.
Because life is all around us too.***

Kyle "Guante" Tran Myhre

Morning Songs

Hymn #18 What Wondrous Love

Connie Campbell Hart

Hymn #61 Lo, the Earth Awakes Again Words: Samuel Longfellow; Music: Lyra Davidica

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Prelude in F minor

Wilhelm Dyckerhoff

Call to Worship

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting: Excerpt from "Lyrics of a Lowly Life"

Paul Laurence Dunbar

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 #347 Gather the Spirit.

Jim Scott

A Time for All Ages: First in Flight

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: Andante.

Alexander Schreiner

Our Story:

Lu Traina

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

Prayer

Silent Meditation

Reading: Why Do You Write Poems When Death is All Around Us.

Kyle "Guante" Tran Myhre

Hymn: #1007: There's a River Flowin' in My Soul.

Rose Saunders

Sermon: Holding it All in the Heartland

Hymn #1008: When Our Heart is in a Holy Place

Community Closing:

Postlude: Comfort Me

Mimi Bornstein-Doble

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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