

Sunday, May 18th, 2025
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**
Learning to Cope



Dee Morris

Throughout Rev. John Pierponts long and checkered career, he showed the inspiration of the poet and the sympathetic humanitarianism of the philanthropist.

Heralds of a Liberal Faith, 1810

Morning Songs

Hymn #1 May Nothing Evil Cross This Door

Words by Louis Untermeyer, music by Robert N. Quaile

Hymn 1046 Shall We Gather at the River

Robert Lowry

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Prelude in E flat

J.Plag

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 #187 It Sounds Along the Ages

Words: William Channing Gannett; Music Melody of the Bohemian Brethren

A Time for All Ages: Title Author

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: Prayer

Caleb Simper

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

Hymn # 1026 If Every Woman in the World

Karen MacKay

Sermon: Learning to Cope

Hymn # 270 O Day of Light and Gladness.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer; Music: Henry Smart

Community Closing:

Postlude: Song Without Words

Caleb Simper

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: Dee Morris

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Hymn Leader: Andey Amata;

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