

Sunday, May 25th, 2025
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**
Lessons from Hospice



Dan McKanan

What does it mean to love mortal beings?

Morning Songs

Hymn #347: Gather the Spirit

Jim Scott

Hymn #350: The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time

Words: John Andrew Storey; music: African American Spiritual

Hymn #331: Life Is the Greatest Gift of All

Words: William E. Oliver; music: James Leith McBeth Bain

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Harold Arlen

Call to Worship: What If?

Adapted from Vanessa Machado de Oliveira

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 354: We Laugh, We Cry

Shelley Jackson Denham

A Time for All Ages: The Invisible String”

Patrice Karst adapted by Mimi Olivier

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: Chorale #84

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

Meditation: Co-Sensing with Radical Tenderness

Dani d’Emilia et al.

Hymn #336 All My Memories of Love

Words: Anna Akhmatova; music: Solesmes Plainsong

Sermon: Lessons from Hospice

Hymn # 411: Part in Peace

Words: Sarah Flower Adams; music: *Southern Harmony*

Community Closing

Postlude: Somewhere Over the Rainbow

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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