

Sunday, June 1st, 2025
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**
Celebrating Pride Sunday



Jess Smith

When we choose to live authentically we chip away at others' prisons of pretend, and create an opportunity for them to walk out of darkness into freedom.

Anthony Venn-Brown

Morning Songs

Hymn #360: Here We Have Gathered

Alicia S. Carpenter

Hymn #1017: Building a New Way

Martha Sandefer

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Pink Pony Club

Chappell Roan

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 # 407: We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

African-American Spiritual, Arr. Mary Allen Walden

A Time for All Ages: Being an Ally

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 #88

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

Guided Reflection: Making Space

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7, 12-13

Special Music: UUCM Choir: Draw the Circle Wide

Words: Gordon Light; Music: Mark A. Miller

Sermon: Celebrating Pride

Hymn 295: Sing Out Praises for the Journey

Words: Mark M. DeWolfe; music: Henry Purcell

Community Closing

Postlude: Pink Pony Club

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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