

Sunday, June 15, 2025
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**

Flower Communion

Rev. Hank Peirce



And even in our sleep, pain that cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart, and in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom to us by the awful grace of God.

Aeschylus

Morning Songs

Hymn #21 For the Beauty of The Earth

Hymn #368 Now Let Us Sing

Hymn #305 De Colroes

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor

Words: Emma Lazarus; Music: Irving Berlin

Call to Worship: The Cost of Living

Arundhati Roy

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 #1019 Everything is Possible

Our Story:

Liz Ammons

Opportunity for Generosity: Trees

Words: Joyce Kilmer; Music: Oscar Rasbach

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:

Rev. Norbert Capek

Message

Flower Communion

Unison Reading #724: Consecration of the Flowers

Infinite Spirit of Life, we ask thy blessing on these, thy messengers of fellowship and love.

May they remind us, amid diversities of knowledge and of gifts, to be one in desire and affection, and devotion to thy holy will.

May they also remind us of the value of comradeship, of doing and sharing alike.

May we cherish friendship as one of thy most precious gifts.

May we not let awareness of another's talents discourage us, or sully our relationship, but may we realize that, whatever we can do, great or small, the efforts of all of us are needed to do thy work in this world.

Hymn #121: We'll Build a Land

Community Closing:

Postlude: Turn Back

Genevan psalter, 1551

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

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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service

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