

Sunday, September 21st, 2025

**Unitarian Universalist
Church of Medford**

Keep Going

Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen



Oh, I do quit! Quitting is my favorite. Every day I quit. Every single day. Then I go to sleep and wake up and begin again. Begin and quit every day!

Glennon Doyle

Gather outside the front door of the church

Words of Ingathering:

Rev. Nguyen

Sound of the Bell

Processional: Enter Rejoice and Come In

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If weather is inclement:

Morning Songs (2-3)

Hymn #294: Our Praise We Give

Words: John Colman Adams; music: Percy Buck

Hymn #335: Once When my Heart was Passion Free

Words: John Tabb ; music: from *Kentucky Harmony*

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Improvisation by Sage Fogle

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The Bell Sounds

Candles Are Lit

Call to Worship

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting: Ranier Maria Rilke

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 #1015: I Know I Can

Words: Dennis Hamilton; Music: Jeannie Gagné

A Time for All Ages

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)

Our Story: Our Immigration Vigil

Steve Schmidt

Opportunity for Generosity: Chorale #92

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

Prayer / Meditation

Reading: Excerpts by Grace Lee Bogs

***Hymn #354:** We Laugh, We Cry

Words & music: Shelley Jackson Denham

Sermon: Keep Going

***Hymn # 1057:** Go Lifted Up

Words & music: Mortimer Barron

Community Closing

Postlude: We Are Building a New Way

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.

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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service

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