

Sunday, September 25th, 2025

**Unitarian Universalist
Church of Medford**

Call to Witness

Steve Schmidt



Before your speak, let your words pass through three gates: At the first gate, ask yourself “Is it true?” At the second gate as, “Is it necessary?” At the third gate ask, “Is it kind?”
Rumi

Morning Song:

Hymn #104 When Israel Was in Egypt's Land Words & music: African American Spiritual

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Voluntary

Samuel Jackson

Call to Worship

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting: #582 Divine Justice

Amos 5

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 #121 We'll Build a Land

Words: Barbara Zanotti; Music: Carolyn McDade

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: This Year's General Assembly

Deborah Haber

Opportunity for Generosity: Cantique

Flor Peeters

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

Sermon: Call to Witness

Hymn 149 Lift Every Voice and Sing

Words: James Weldon Johnson; Music: J. Rosamond Johnson

Community Closing

Postlude:

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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Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service

Service Leader: Steve Schmidt

Music: Russell Tripp

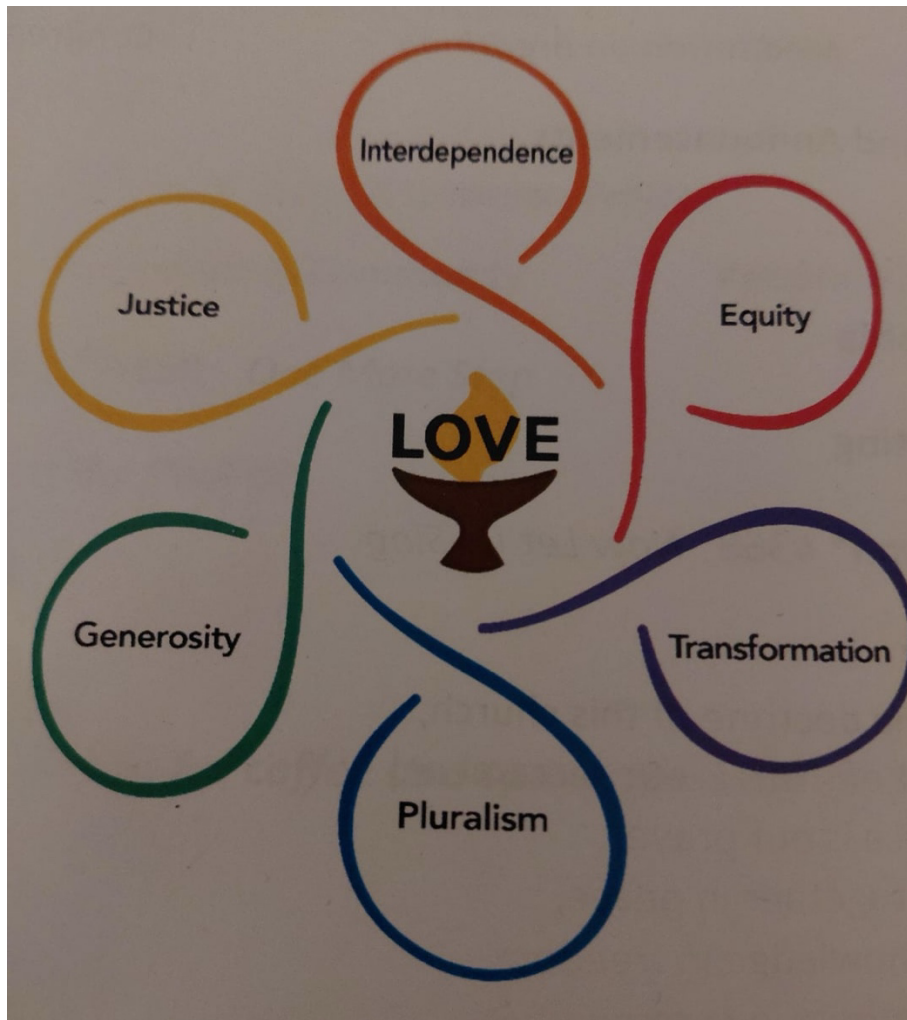
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Next. Week, October 5, 2025: Rev. Hank Peirce

The **7** PRINCIPLES
of Unitarian Universalism



Designed by Rev. Ian Riddell
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Woke Conversation Practice

W - Watch with mindfulness: pause; notice your body, breath, and tone before speaking.

O - Open with curiosity: "When you say 'woke,' what do you mean by it?"

K - Kindness: reflect a shared value. "I think we both care about fairness and dignity."

E - Evenness: offer a short, calm definition, then invite common ground. "For me, 'woke' just means being awake

to harm and trying to reduce it. Where do you see a fix we could agree on?"

RESPONSIVE READING

Awake to suffering and harm.

We respond with compassion.

Awake to dignity in every person.

We act with fairness.

Awake to our interdependence.

We repair what we can, together.

May our witness be awake, kind, and steady.

So may it be.