

Sunday, October 5th, 2025
**Unitarian Universalist
Church of Medford**
Love Thy Neighbor
Rev. Hank Peirce



*Love is not concerned with whom you pray or where you slept
the night you ran away from home. Love is concerned that the beating of your heart should
kill no one.*
Alice Walker

Morning Song:

Hymn #52 In Sweet Fields of Autumn

Words: Elizabeth Madison *Music:* William James Kirkpatrick

Hymn #315 This Old World

Words and music: American Folk Tune from *The Southern Harmony*

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Stand By Me

Ben E. King

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 #119 Once to Every Soul and Nation

Words: James Russell Lowell; Music: Thomas John Williams

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:

Opportunity for Generosity: Chorale #96

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

Reading: The Ravensbruck

Author Unknown

Sermon: Love Thy Neighbor

Hymn #1017: We Are Building a New Way Words and Music by Martha Sandefer

Community Closing

Postlude: Stand By Me

Ben E. King

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

Service Leader: Rev. Hank Peirce

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Next week: Trevor Pierce