

Sunday, December 21, 2025

**Unitarian Universalist
Church of Medford**



Yay! It's Cold!

Nitai and the Children's Program

In winter we lead a more inward life. Our hearts are warm and cheery, like cottages under drifts.

Henry David Thoreau

Morning Song:

Hymn #81 The Wordless Mountains Bravely Still

Words: Philip A Porter; Music: Franz Joseph Haydn

Hymn #73 Chant for the Seasons

Words: Mark Bellentini; Music: Czech folk song

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Greensleeves

Traditional English Folk Song

Call to Worship: Winter

Shel Silverstein

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting: Warmth in Winter

Ben Soule

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 #57 All Beautiful the March of Days

Words: Frances Wile; Music: English Melody

Opportunity for Generosity: Chorale #112

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

Responsive Reading 543: Winter

Greta Crosby

***Hymn #226** People Look East

Words: Eleanor Farjeon; Music: Traditional French Carol

Pageant: Yay! It's Cold!

Special Music: Winter Wonderland

Words: Richard Bernhard Smith Music: Felix Bernard

Closing Words: When Winter is Here

Elanor Hammond

Postlude: Winter Wonderland

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

Service Leader: **Nitai Wilsom & the Children**

Music: **Sage Fogle**

Tech Volunteers: **April Evans, Andey Amata, Nate Douglas**

Christmas Eve: Rev. Hank Peirce: Be Not Afraid