

Sunday, January 4th, 2026
**Unitarian Universalist
Church of Medford**



Through the Doors
Rev. Hank Peirce

Each day, a precious pearl is given that you must string upon the silver thread of life. Once strung, it can never be unthreaded but stays an undying record of your faith and skill. I give to you free and unstained, twelve glorious months of soothing rain and golden sunshine... All that I have, I give with love unspoken. All that I ask... keep the faith, unbroken.

J.D. Templeton

Morning Song:

Hymn #259: We Three Kings

Johnn Henry Hopkin

Hymn #350: The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time

Words: John Andrew Storey; Music: African American spiritual

Hymn ##166: Years Are Coming Words:

Adin Ballou; Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: New Year's Day

Taylor Swift

Call to Worship:

Mark Twain

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting:

Horatio Nelson Powers

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 #1 May Nothing Evil Cross this Door

Words: Louis Untermeyer; Music: Robert N. Quaile

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: Report from the Board.

Geoff Ward

Opportunity for Generosity: Chorale #116

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

Ritual 1

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Meditation:

Ritual 2

Sermon: Through the doors

***Hymn** Auld Lang Sine

(insert)

Closing Words: The Year

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Postlude: New Year's Day

Taylor Swift

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: **Robert Hayes**