

Sunday, January 11,
2026 **Unitarian Universalist**
Church of Medford

Poetry
Robert Hayes



Poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings: it takes its origin from emotion recollected in tranquility.

Morning Song:

Hymn #290 Bring, O Past, Your Honor Words: Charles H. Lyttle; Music: John B. Dykes

Hymn #219 O Hear,

My People Words: from Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav; Music: L. Lewandowski

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Intermezzo

Flor Peeters

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 #347: Gather the Spirit

Words & music: Jim Scott

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: Service Volunteer Opportunities

Lu Traina & Joan Keane

Opportunity for Generosity: Cantique

Flor Peeter

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

Hymn #378 Let Those Who Live in Every Land

Words: Kenneth L Patton; Music: V. Schumann's Geistliche Lieder

Sermon:

Hymn #121: We'll Build a Land

Words: Barbara Zanotti; Music: Carolyn McDade

Community Closing: Poetry is the way we help give name to the nameless so it can be thought.

Postlude: Choral

Flor Peeters

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: **Robert Hayes**

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Next Week: Laura Randall