

Sunday, January 18 2025
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**

**What Hope Looks Like In
Practice**

Laura Randall



“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope”

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Morning Song:

Hymn #170 We Are a Gentle, Angry People Words & music: Holly Near
Hymn #151 I Wish I Knew How Words & music: Gilly Taylor and Dick Dallas
Hymn #153 I Woke Up This Morning Words & music: African American Spiritual

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Prelude in B-flat

Christian H. Rinck

Call to Worship

Gretchen Haley

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting

Michael Tino

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 #108 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Words: Early Quaker song;
Music: American gospel song

A Time for All Ages

Story offered by Massey Williams

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)

Opportunity for Generosity

Offertory: Prayer

Wilhelm V. Rinck

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: Circle of Life and Prayer

Arif Mamdani

Reading: Excerpt from *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World*

Robin Wall Kimmerer

Sermon: What Hope Looks Like In Practice

Hymn #1017 Building a New Way

Words & music: Martha Sandefer

Community Closing:

John Daniel

Postlude: One World

Music: Dede Duson

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

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Next Week: Mary Cate Gustafson