

Sunday, December 7th, 2025

Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford

Shoots of Hope
Rev. Hank Peirce



If there is any hope for America, it lies in Revolution. And if there is any hope for a Revolution, it lies in getting Elvis Presley to become Che Guevara. Phil Ochs

Morning Song:

346: Come, Sing a Song with Me

Words & music: Carolyn McDade

391: Voice Still and Small (x2)

Words & music: John Corrado

226: People Look East

Words: Eleanor Farjeon; Music: Trad. French carol

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Voluntary

Caleb Simper

Call to Worship:

Gretchen Haley

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting:

The Buddha

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 118 This Little Light of Mine

Words & music: African American spiritual

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: Worship Associate

Lindsey Greene

Opportunity for Generosity: Meditation

Carl A. Kern

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

Reading: Advent (for Nelson Mandela)

R. Russeth

Special Music: Be Your Own Light

Linda McRae

Sung by Carole Bundy and Abby Outtersen

Sermon: Shoots of Hope

Hymn 168: One More Step

Words & music: Joyce Poley

Community Closing:

Nelson Mandela

Postlude: When Windows That Are Black and Cold

Music: English melody, harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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: **Rev. Hank Peirce**

Music: **Sage Fogle, Carole Bundy, Abby Outtersen**

Tech Volunteers: **April Evans, Will Heitman, Nate Douglas**

Next Week: Nitai Wilson & Lindsey Greene