

Sunday, February 1st, 2025
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**

Remaining Human
Rev. Hank Peirce



"There are two great Biblical mandates, and they are not preserving the sanctity of life and stamping out sin, but the pursuit of justice and finding peace."
Rev. William Sloane Coffin

Morning Song:

Hymn #1018 Come and Go with Me

Words and music: African-American Spiritual

Hymn #17 Every Night and Every Morn

Words: William Blake; Music: Ralph Vaughn Williams

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Prelude in F Minor

Christian Heinrich Rinck

Call to Worship:

by Rev. Wendy Miller Olepade

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 #110 Come, Children of Tomorrow Come

Words: Zona Gale; Music: Valentin Schumann's Geistliche Lieder

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)

Opportunity for Generosity:

Offering Response

Hymn #402 From You I Receive

From you I receive, to you I give, together we share, and from this we live

Candles of Joys, Sorrows, and Milestones

Prayer

Silent Meditation

Reading: Pale Blue Dot

Carl Sagan

Sermon

Remaining Human

Hymn #1028 The Fire of Commitment

Words: Mary Katherine Morn and Jason Shelton; Music: Jason Shelton

Community Closing

Helen Heller

Postlude: Turn Back

Music: Genevan psalter, 1551

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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Tech Volunteers: Steve Schmidt, April Evans, Nate Douglas

Next Week: Carolyn Stevens