

Sunday February 15th, 2025
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**

The Power of Choice

Rev. Fred Small



Whatever you can do, or dream you can do, begin it.

Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.

- John Anster (1793-1867), inspired by Goethe

Morning Song:

Hymn #125 From the Crush of Wealth and Power

Words: Kendyl Gibbons; Music: Peter Cutts

Hymn #124 Be That Guide

Words: Carl Seaburg; Music: Thomas Benjamin

Hymn #18 What Wondrous Love

American Folk Hymn, new words by Connie Hart

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Though Gathered Here to Celebrate

W. Frederick Wooden

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 #119 Once to Every Soul and Nation

Words: James Russell Lowell; Music: Thomas John Williams

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

Offertory: What Gift Can We Bring

Jane Marshall

Offering Response: Hymn #402

From you I receive; to you I give.

Together we share, and from this we live.

Words & Music: Joseph and Nathan Segal

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Prayer

AJ van Tine

Responsive Reading #660 To Live Deliberately

Henry David Thoreau

Hymn #157 Step by Step the Longest March

Words: From the preamble to the Constitution of the United Mine Workers of America

Music: Irish folk song, adapt. And arr. By Waldemar Hille

Sermon: The Power of Choice

Hymn Never Turning Back

Words and Music: Pat Humphries

Community Closing

Rachel Lonberg (adapted)

Postlude: Voice Still and Small

John Corrado (altered harmony)

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.

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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: Dan McKanan