

Sunday February 22nd 2025
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Medford**

Consider the Squirrels

Dan McKanan



When we experiment in planting forests, we find ourselves at last doing as Nature does. Would it not be well to consult with Nature in the outset?

Henry David Thoreau

Morning Song:

Hymn #331 Life Is the Greatest Gift of All

Words: William E. Oliver; Music: James Leith McBeth Bain

Hymn #391 Voice Still and Small

Words and Music: John Corrado

Hymn #330 The Arching Sky of Morning Glows

Words: Mark L. Belletini; Music: Thomas Tallis

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Improvisation

Sage Fogle

Call to Worship: "We Are Here"

Annie Dillard

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 #327 Joy, Thou Goddess

Words: Friedrich Schiller; Music: Ludwig Beethoven

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

Steve Schmidt

Opportunity for Generosity

Offertory: Chorale #120

JS Bach

Offering Response: Hymn #402

From you I receive; to you I give.

Together we share, and from this we live.

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

Prayer

Reading: "Succession of Forest Trees"

Henry David Thoreau

Special Music: In a Week

Hozier

Sermon: Consider the Squirrels

Hymn #1074 Turn the World Around

Words and Music: Harry Belafonte & Robert Freedman

Community Closing

Postlude: Turn the World Around

Belafonte & Freedman

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: Rev. Hank Peirce