

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

Thank you for joining us this morning!
We are grateful that you choose to be with us,
and we invite you to sign the guest book in Benker Hall.

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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

Sunday March 29th, 2026

Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford



**The Righteous Flourish Like the
Palm Tree (Psalm 92:13)**

Rabbi Greg Hersh

The Righteous Flourish Like the Palm Tree

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"The Righteous flourish like the palm tree; they thrive like a cedar in Lebanon; planted in the house of God, they flourish in the courts of our God. In old age they still produce fruit; they are full of sap and freshness."

Psalm 92:13-15

***Morning Songs**

Hymn #293 O Star of Truth

Words: Minot Judson Savage; Music: Finnish Melody

Hymn #288 All Are Architects

Words: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; Music: Thomas Benjamin

Hymn # 1008 When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place

Words & Music: Joyce Poley

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Voluntary

Caleb Simper

Call to Worship Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (1907-1972)

Welcome and Greeting

Chalice Lighting

Rabbi Shefa Gold

***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 #298** Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give

Words: William DeWitt Hyde; Music: English melody/Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

Lindsey Greene

Opportunity for Generosity

Offertory: Interlude

Alexander Schreiner

Offering Response: Hymn #402

From you I receive, to you I give. Together we share, and from this we live. (repeat)

Candles of Joys, Sorrows and Milestones

***Hymn #330** The Arching Sky of Morning Glows

Words: Mark Belletini; Music: Thomas Tallis

Sermon

***Hymn #298** Wake, Now, My Senses

Words: Thomas Mikelson; Music: Trad. Irish melody/Carlton Young

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice:

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Our worship has ended, our service begins.

Postlude: The Sun That Shines

Music: David Dawson

*You are invited to rise as you are able