

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:

Service Leader: Rev. Dr. Ran Peabody

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Next Week: Phoebe Eckart-Lee

Sunday April 12th, 2026

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Everyday Poetics
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“Poetry is one of the ancient arts, and it begins as did all the fine arts, within the original wilderness of the earth.”

Mary Oliver

***Morning Songs**

Hymn #44 We Sing of Golden Mornings
Hymn #1029 Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear
Hymn #1055 How Sweet the Darkness

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude: Make Our Garden Grow Leonard Bernstein

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 #123** Spirit of Life

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 Board Appeal Testimony - Christina Allain
Opportunity for Generosity

Offertory: Chorale #128, JS Bach

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

Meditation

Responsive Reading: UUA

Creativity is not a luxury for a select few, but a spark within us all.

It is the spark that lights our potential.

Let us nurture our curiosity individually,

And together, let us create a brighter world.

Special Music Blackbird, Lennon/McCartney

Sermon Soul-Making

***Hymn #38** Morning Has Broken

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: Make Our Garden Grow Bernstein

*You are invited to rise as you are able