

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.

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: Lindsey Greene

Service Participants: Lourie August, Sara Dion, Sage Fogle,
Susan Jhirad, Shaina Silverman, Russell Tripp

Tech Volunteers: Will Heitman, April Evans, Nate Douglas

Thank you to all who brought artwork and other creations to display!

Next Week

Flower Communion with Rev. Hank Peirce

Sunday May 31st, 2026

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Arts Sunday

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“There is nothing more truly artistic than to love people”

Vincent van Gogh

*Morning Songs

Hymn

#38 Morning Has Broken

Hymn

#188 Come, Come Whoever You Are

The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit

Prelude

To a Wild Rose, Edvard Grieg

Welcome and Greeting

Call to Worship

Braided (insert)

Written and led by Lourie August

Chalice Lighting

#701, Sarah Moores Campbell

*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.*

Social Justice Candle Lighting

Liz Ammons

*Hymn

#21 For the Beauty of the Earth

Accompanied by Russell Tripp

Time for All Ages

Wolf Plays Alone

Written and illustrated by Dominic Castalano

Reading

Poem in P

Written and read by Susan Jhirad

Offertory

Chorale #134, JS Bach

Offering Response

Hymn #402

From you I receive, to you I give.

Together we share, and from this we live. (repeat)

Special Music

Light Heart

Words and music by Shaina Silverman

Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Milestones

Dramatic Reading

Monologue from *Barbie*

Performed by Sara Dion

Special Music

Riptide

Words and music by Vance Joy, Performed by Sage Fogle

Sermon

The Creative Divine

*Hymn

#108 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Closing Words

Alla Renée Bozarth

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

Cornelia Street, Taylor Swift

*You are invited to rise as you are able

Order of Service Insert

Braided
by Lourie August

Like the braided rope made of many strands,
We are a spiritual community made of many lives.

*First one strand, and then another,
We are woven and wrapped around each other to make
a coherent whole – this church.*

Our journey as a living church is grounded in the lives
that have gone before.

*Our journey continues on, inspired by the vision of those
of us here today, and those yet to come.*

As strands, our roads have each been different.

*Some of us are made of the coarse fiber of sheep;
Others, the smooth sheen of silk.*

Some add the texture of gnarls, twists, and breaks;
Others are long and sleek.

*Some are stained by the earth – the colors of berries and lilac;
Others are flashy – bold to catch the eye.*

Each strand is of note – traceable and unique amidst the others.

*Each adds its own tale of truth and strength to the whole
that is our lives, that is our church.*

ALL: Together we weave the strands of love, truth, and vision into a
braid.
A braid that offers the continuity, strength, and diversity of community.