Unitarian Universalist
Church of Medford
Sunday September 13th, 2026

Homecoming Water Communion

Rev. Hank Peirce

Sharing Their Ministry in Today's Service:
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LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation

Gather at the Front Steps	The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam
Morning Songs	
Hymn	**#361** Enter, Rejoice and Come In
The Bell Sounds and Candles Are Lit	
Welcome and Announcements	Lindsey Greene
Prelude	*Ain't It A Pretty Night* Carlisle Floyd
Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting	Rev. William F. Schulz
Affirmation of Covenant	
Hymn	**#1** May Nothing Evil Cross This Door
Water Communion Ritual	
Children's Parting Song	Go in Peace
Offertory	Chorale #240, JS Bach
Offering Response	Hymn #402, From You I Receive
Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Milestones	
Prayer	
Reading	*On This Day* Rachel Lamb
Sermon	
Hymn	**#1046** Shall We Gather At The River
Extinguishing the Chalice	
Community Closing	Preface to *Leaves of Grass* Walt Whitman
Postlude	*Here Comes the Sun* The Beatles

Service Hymns

Morning Song

Hymn #361: Enter, Rejoice, and Come In
Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day;
Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your ears to the song…

Open your hearts ev'ryone…

Don't be afraid of some change…

Enter, rejoice, and come in…

Hymn 1

Hymn # 1 May Nothing Evil Cross this Door

May nothing evil cross this door,
and may ill fortune never pry about
these windows; may the roar
and rain go by.
By faith made strong, the rafters will
withstand the battering of the storm.
This hearth, though all the world grow chill,
will keep you warm.
Peace shall walk softly through these rooms,
touching our lips with holy wine,
till every casual corner blooms
into a shrine.
With laughter drown the raucous shout,
and, though these sheltering walls are thin,
may they be strong to keep hate out
and hold love in

Hymn 2

1046 Shall We Gather at the River

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Chorus:
Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.
On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.
[Chorus]
Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down.
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and a crown.
[Chorus]
Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver, with the melody of peace.
[Chorus]