

OUUC Order of Service:

Sunday, October 24, 2021

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### PRELUDE

*Troy Fisher (he/him)*

### MORNING SONG

*Troy Fisher*

Hymn # 354 "We Laugh, We Cry"

Words & music: Shelley Jackson Denham, harmony by  
Betsy Jo Angebrannt

We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we  
sing our song.

We need to feel there's something here to which  
we can belong.

We need to feel the freedom just to have some  
time alone.

But most of all we need close friends we can call  
our very own.

And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;  
and we have found a need to be together.

We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts  
to receive;

and we believe that sharing is an answer.

A child is born among us and we feel a special glow.

We see time's endless journey as we watch the  
baby grow.

We thrill to hear imagination freely running wild.

We dedicate our minds and heart to the spirit of  
this child.

And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;  
and we have found a time to be together.

And with the grace of age, we share the wonder of  
youth,

and we believe that growing is an answer.

### WELCOME

*Curtis Tanner (he/him)*

**CHALICE LIGHTING***Curtis Tanner*

"Afraid of the Dark," by Andrew Pakula

**OPENING WORDS***Sara Lewis (she/her)*

"Life is Always Unfinished Business," by Richard S. Gilbert

**OPENING HYMN***Troy Fisher*

Hymn #311 "Let It Be a Dance"

Words & music: Ric Masten, arr. By Betty A. Wylder

(Chorus)

Let it be a dance we do.

May I have this dance with you?

Through the good times and the bad times, too,  
let it be a dance.

Let a dancing song be heard.

Play the music, say the words,  
and fill the sky with sailing birds.

Let it be a dance.

Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.

Learn to follow, learn to lead,  
feel the rhythm, fill the need  
to reap the harvest, plant the seed.  
Let it be a dance.

(Chorus)

Let it be a dance we do.

May I have this dance with you?

Through the good times and the bad times, too,  
let it be a dance.

Everybody turn and spin,  
let your body learn to bend,  
and, like a willow with the wind,  
let it be a dance.

Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.

A child is born, the old must die;  
a time for joy, a time to cry.

Take it as it passes by.

Let it be a dance.

(Chorus)

Let it be a dance we do.

May I have this dance with you?

Through the good times and the bad times, too,  
let it be a dance.

Morning star comes out at night,  
without the dark there is no light.

If nothing's wrong, then nothing's right.

Let it be a dance.

Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.

Let the sun shine, let it rain;  
share the laughter, bear\* the pain,  
and round and round we go again.  
Let it be a dance.

### **STORY FOR ALL AGES**

*Sara Lewis and Curtis Tanner*

"The Origin of Death," from the Siksika (Blackfeet) people

### **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

*Troy Fisher*

### **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

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<https://www.ouuc.org/giving/pledging/>

Thank you!

### **RITUAL OF SHARING FROM THE HEART**

*Sara Lewis*

### **PRAYER**

*Sara Lewis*

"Bound By Impermanence," by Kyle Johnson

### **MUSICAL RESPONSE**

*Troy Fisher*

Hymn # 354 "We Laugh, We Cry"

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Betsy Jo Angebrannndt

We seek elusive answers to the questions of this  
life.

We seek to put an end to all the waste of human  
strife.

We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind.  
And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find.  
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love, and we have found a joy being together.  
And in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see: even to question, truly is an answer.

## **SHARE THE PLATE OFFERING**

*Curtis Tanner*

## **OFFERTORY**

*Thomas "Brim" Smith*

"Keep Me In Your Heart"

Songwriters: Warren Zevon / Jorge A. Calderon

Shadows are fallin' and I'm runnin' out of breath  
Keep me in your heart for a while  
If I leave you it doesn't mean I love you any less  
Keep me in your heart for a while

When you get up in the mornin' and you see that  
crazy sun  
Keep me in your heart for a while  
There's a train leavin' nightly called "When All is  
Said and Done"  
Keep me in your heart for a while

Keep me in your heart for a while

Keep me in your heart for a while

Sometimes when you're doin' simple things around  
the house  
Maybe you'll think of me and smile  
You know I'm tied to you like the buttons on your  
blouse  
Keep me in your heart for a while

Hold me in your thoughts  
Take me to your dreams  
Touch me as I fall into view

When the winter comes  
Keep the fires lit  
And I will be right next to you

Engine driver's headed north up to Pleasant Stream  
Keep me in your heart for a while  
These wheels keep turnin' but they're runnin' out of  
steam  
Keep me in your heart for a while

Keep me in your heart for a while

Keep me in your heart for a while

Keep me in your heart for a while

#### **READING**

*Curtis Tanner*

"Guided Meditation on Dying," by Joshua Leach, Seth  
Robinson

#### **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

*Troy Fisher*

#### **SERMON**

*Sara Lewis*

"Life and Death: Facing Our Mortality"

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

*Troy Fisher*

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Our lives are full of wonder and our time is very  
brief.

The death of one among us fills us all with pain and  
grief.

But as we live, so shall we die, and when our lives  
are done

the memories we shared with friends, they will  
linger on and on.

And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;  
and we have found a place to be together.

We have the right to grow, we have the gift to  
believe  
that peace within our living is an answer.

## **CLOSING WORDS**

*Sara Lewis*

## **UNISON BENEDICTION**

*Troy Fisher*

Words: Rev. Mary Gear

Music: Troy Arnold Fisher

We are part of the Web of Life.  
We are part of the Web of Love.  
May our words, may our deeds  
pull the strands of the Infinite Web  
toward health,  
toward justice,  
toward love.

## **POSTLUDE**

*Troy Fisher*

## **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

How have you experienced the reality of death? What  
plans have you made for a future that doesn't include you?  
How does relating to death affect the way you live your  
life?

**Share the Plate Offering:** In July and August our Share the Plate recipient was the Family Support Center of South Sound. Because of your generosity, the FSC received \$2548 to support their diversity, equity and inclusion efforts. Thank you!

For the months of September and October, our Share the Plate recipient is Rebuilding Together Thurston County (RTTC). RTTC provides free handicap modifications and home repairs for non-profit facilities and low-income homeowners who are seniors, disabled, military veterans, and/or families with young children. Through critical home repairs and ADA modifications in under-served communities, RTTC addresses a connection between health and housing, while preserving the existing affordable housing landscape.

If you write a check, be sure to make a notation indicating "pledge" if it is a pledge payment. Other donations will benefit the Share the Plate program.

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Read the Weekly Update announcements here: <https://www.ouuc.org/who-we-are/publications/weekly-update/>

**Next Sunday:** Join us for “Welcoming Our Ancestors” with Rev. Mary Gear

On this day when the veil between the worlds is thin, how do we not only honor but welcome our ancestors? What about when our ancestors are challenging, disappointing, or unjust?