

MARCH 31, 2022

THE OUUC



WEEKLY WISDOM AND INSPIRATION
FROM THE OLYMPIA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

A COMMUNITY INQUIRY IN PREPARATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF OUR SETTLED MINISTER

On Saturday, June 4, 2022, the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation will gather together with members and supporters of our larger community to celebrate the 70th anniversary of OUUC and the Installation of our Settled Minister, Reverend Mary Gear. Due to Covid 19, we scheduled the installation ceremony twice but had to cancel. The time has finally come! This Installation ceremony will celebrate our covenanted relationship with Reverend Mary.

These are words we have certainly heard before: *Covenanted relationship*. Now we are called to bring them to life, to find their meaning. How do we create such a covenanted relationship with our Settled Minister, Reverend Mary?

In the month of April, we will be asking all gatherings of the OUUC – Learning Circles and Covenant Circles, committees and task groups, neighborhoods and friends, our youth group and their parents, to consider these questions.

- What is asked of me, as an individual congregant, to create a covenanted relationship to our settled minister, Reverend Mary?
- What inner commitments can I make to serve this relationship?
- What commitments can we as a community make to serve this relationship?

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INQUIRY (CONT.)

After Worship on May 1, we will come together to hear from these group gatherings. Out of listening deeply to what is offered, members of the Worship Arts Team and Reverend Mary will craft the text of our June 4th Installation Ceremony.

Thank you for your participation.

Neil Weinberg

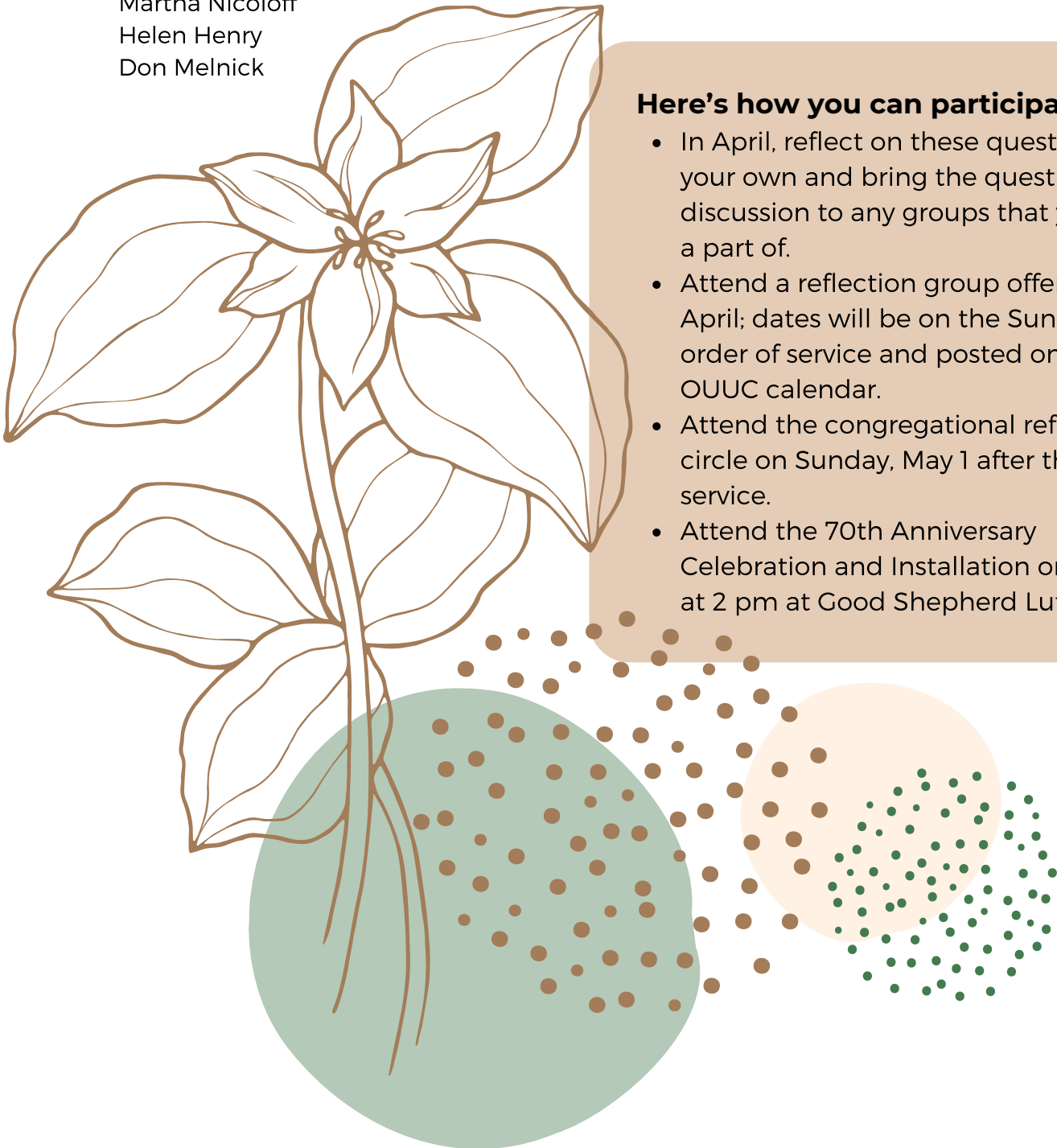
Martha Nicoloff

Helen Henry

Don Melnick

Here's how you can participate:

- In April, reflect on these questions on your own and bring the questions for discussion to any groups that you are a part of.
- Attend a reflection group offered in April; dates will be on the Sunday order of service and posted on the OUUC calendar.
- Attend the congregational reflection circle on Sunday, May 1 after the service.
- Attend the 70th Anniversary Celebration and Installation on June 4 at 2 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran.



FAITH IN ACTION CORNER YOUTH CLIMATE STRIKE



Thank you to OUUC youth Dio/Apollo Lewis and Elsie Sable who helped organize the youth-led climate March last Friday. It was a wonderful gathering of words and music, with thanks to all who showed up to support the future.

~ Rev. Mary Gear



ORDINATION CEREMONY for SARA LEWIS

Saturday, April 9 at 1 p.m.

You can read about the ordinands, view the order of service, and learn more at [The Chaplaincy Institute website here.](#)

Attend on Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpdurqzkgTf_VPhvrZf-LlenuPq8ZZun

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Or watch it on YouTube:

youtube.com/c/ChaplaincyInstitute

We will also open the OUUC Sanctuary for those who would like to view the event in community.



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, June 4 at 2 p.m.

Celebrate OUUC's 70th anniversary and the Installation of Rev. Mary Gear

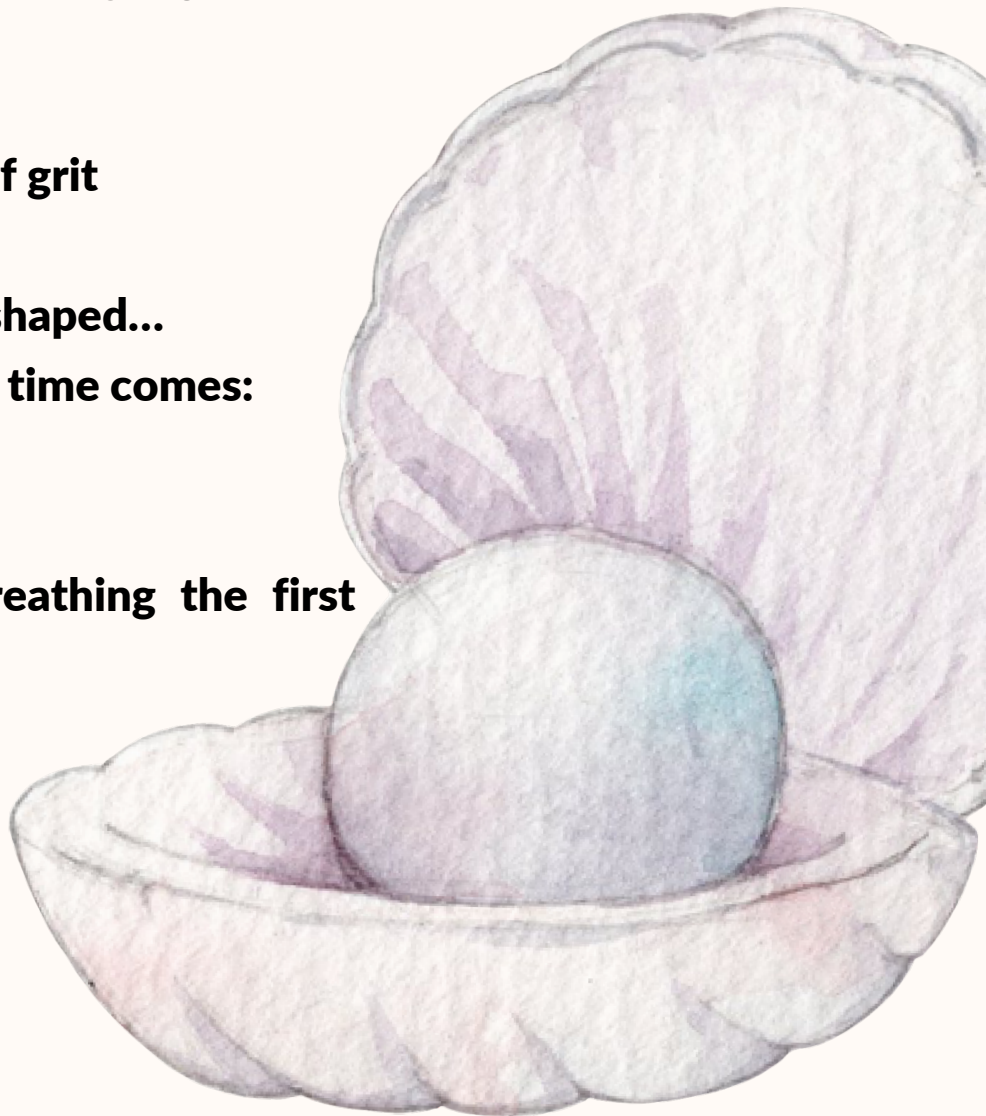
The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1601 North St SE, Olympia, WA 98501



AN EXCERPT FROM "THE PEARL"

REV. LINDA HAGGERSTONE

**... the tiny grain, a speck of grit
soon begins to grow,
becoming full and moon-shaped...
It grows within me 'til the time comes:
the womb-like chamber
of my heart opens wide
and the pearl wakes, breathing the first
breath
of a new dawn...**



**This is a reading delivered at the March 27, 2022 worship service.
You can view the [full service on YouTube here \(link\)](#).**