

Celebration of Life for  
*Bob Sundstrom*



*Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation*  
SATURDAY • OCTOBER 29, 2022 • 10:30 AM

# *Robert Sundstrom*

DECEMBER 14, 1951 - MAY 16, 2021

## *Prelude*

Troy Fisher (he/him)

## *Processional*

## *Welcome and Chalice Lighting*

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)

## *Musical Interlude*

Troy Fisher

## *A Life Remembered*

Rev. Mary Gear, Barry Lyon, Ethan Sundstrom,  
Dennis Noson, Susan and Scott Ritter,  
Tanner Bachmann, Chris Andersen

## *Sing Together*

"Comfort Me"

*Words and music by Mimi Bornstein-Doble*

Comfort me, comfort me,  
comfort me, oh my soul.

Comfort me, comfort me,  
comfort me, oh my soul.

Sing with me, sing with me...

Speak for me, speak for me...

Dance with me, dance with me...

*A Time for Sharing*  
Rev. Mary Gear

*Images of a Life Remembered*

*A Moment for Reflection*  
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*Closing Words and Extinguish the Chalice*  
Rev. Mary Gear

*Postlude*  
Troy Fisher

*Family and close friends are invited to proceed to the columbarium.  
Everyone else is invited to The Commons for refreshments and  
fellowship. The family will join you shortly.*

*"Variations on a Theme"*

Thank you my lifelong afternoon  
late in this season of no age  
thank you for my windows above the rivers  
thank you for the true love you brought me to  
when it was time at last and for words  
that come out of silence and take me by surprise  
and have carried me through the clear day  
without once turning to look at me  
thank you for friends and long echoes of them  
and for those mistakes that were only mine  
for the homesickness that guides the young plovers  
from somewhere they loved before  
they woke into it to another place  
they loved before they ever saw it  
thank you whole body and hand and eye  
thank you for sights and moments known  
only to me who will not see them again  
except in my mind's eye where they have not changed  
thank you for showing me the morning stars  
and for the dogs who are guiding me