



October 9, 2022

Celebrating Our Differences

We are different and we are one. We explore this paradox and how we bridge differences in a world that seems divided. This service includes music and a sermon requested by Atley and Sheila Ralston in honor of their OUUC annual auction purchases.

*Please help us ensure a meaningful experience for all in attendance online and in-person.
Kindly silence your cell phones and turn off wifi on your device.*

Prelude

Troy Fisher (he/him)

Morning Song

Troy Fisher

Hymn #1000 "Morning Has Come"

Words & music: Jason Shelton

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!
The light of hope here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n.
Wonder fills this moment shared together.
The light of peace here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Open our eyes to see that life abounds;
Open hearts to welcome it among us.
The light of love here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Welcome

Anne Kohlbry (she/her) and Emi Allen (they/them)

Chalice Lighting

Words by Jennifer Gracen

Anne Kohlbray and Emi Allen

Opening Words

From "Together in a Sacred Space"

by Lorelai Greenwood-Jones

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)

Opening Hymn

Hymn #1 "May Nothing Evil Cross This Door"

Words: Louis Untermeyer / Music: Robert N.

Quaile

Troy Fisher

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.

Story: Just the Way I Am

by Bindu Gupta

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate

Anne Kohlbray

Offertory

OUUC Choir

Ritual of Sharing from the Heart

Rev. Mary Gear

Prayer and Practice

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Response

Hymn: 1037 “We Begin Again In Love”
Words: Robert Eller-Isaacs / Music: Les Kleen
Call and response.

Troy Fisher and Rev. Mary Gear

We forgive ourselves and each other;
we begin again in love.

Reading

by Audre Lourde

Emi Allen

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection: Part One

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Second Reading

by William Sloane Coffin, Jr.

Anne Kohlbray

Reflection: Part Two

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Third Reading

By James Baldwin

Emi Allen

Reflection: Part Three

Rev. Mary Gear

Closing Hymn

Hymn #1059 “May (Our Lives) Be As a Song”
Words: Jim Scot / Music Yuri Zaritsky

Troy Fisher

May (our lives) be as a song,
Resounding with the dawn
to sing awake the light.
And softly serenade the stars,
Ever dancing circles in the night.

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

by Krista Taves

Rev. Mary Gear

Unison Benediction

Words: Rev. Mary Gear / Music: Troy Arnold Fisher

Troy Fisher

May you know the Spirit in you.
May you know the Spirit in me.
With loving and healing, doing and being,
May you know the Spirit in All.

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection Questions:

Where or when have you had the experience of being different?

Where or when are you good at noticing differences?

Where or when are you good at noticing oneness?

Next Sunday: “When Love Comes to Visit: A Quilted Covenant” with Victoria Poling

Share the Plate Offering: For the month of October, our Share the Plate recipient is the Olympia Free Clinic.

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. Checks can be mailed to OUUC at 2315 Division St NW Olympia WA 98502. Donate online at <https://onrealm.org/OUUC/give/offering>

Donate by text. Text "OUUC offering" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply.



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Weekly Announcements

Books, Brownies & Beans Needs More Books to Sell!

Please bring your donations to the church as soon as you can. If you need help boxing up and transporting your books, please contact Susan Dodson. Her cheerful book elves will be happy to assist you!

Building the World We Dream About

Thursday evenings 6:30-8:30 November 10th to May 18th

Facilitators: Rev. Mary, Rev. Sara, Tiffany Felch, & Anne Hundley

Location: MultiPlatform (in person and on Zoom)

Building the World We Dream About is a Unitarian Universalist program that seeks to interrupt the workings of racism and transform how people from different racial/ethnic groups understand and relate to one another. The program creates opportunities for participants to practice dreaming our world otherwise, and then commit to new, intentional ways of being. As Unitarian Universalists, we hope developing antiracist, anti oppressive, and multicultural habits and skills will lead us to build the multicultural world of our beloved community we dream about.

The class has a total of 24 sessions. For those wishing to join for only certain sections of the class, we will ask that you do some “homework” to catch up on some of the earlier class sessions you missed. Register for [Sessions 1-4: Our Stories and Identity](#)

Celebrate Indigenous People’s Day w/Interfaith Works

October 10, 2022 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: In-person and on Zoom.

Please join Interfaith Works and the Faith Action Network as we celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ Day with interactive and educational engagement with author and activist Sarah Augustine. Explore the history and meaning of Indigenous Peoples’ Day and how the *Doctrine of Discovery* continues to impact Indigenous people today through a case study of the Indian Child Welfare Act. Learn more and register at interfaith-works.org/events.html

Growing Anti-Racist Kids Class

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Classroom 3

All children ages 5-10 are most welcome to attend. This second lesson on racial justice makes children aware of the possible variations of skin shades within their own families. This session ties into the principle of offering fair and kind treatment toward everyone. The book discussion will focus on “all kinds of families”, their differing practices and activities, as well as their skin shades and preferences of activities, customs and events.

Community Dinner for All!

Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Community Dinners have begun! Dinner is served 5:30-6:30 for all, donations accepted. Volunteers welcome. Questions, contact Rev. Sara.

Save the Date! OUUC Trunk and Treat,

Sunday, October 30th, 3 p.m.

We’ll park our decorated cars, don fun costumes, and pass out candy to trick or treaters! Questions, contact Rev Sara.

Defund Fear Study and Action Circle

First Saturdays, 1-3pm (Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4,

April 1, May 6, June 3) Facilitated by Anne Hundley

Location: Zoom | **Register Here:** <https://bit.ly/3T1JT3P>

Please come into the expansive UUA curriculum for last year’s Common Read! It offers ways to integrate ideas into authentic, impactful steps or practices. This study action circle will follow the Workshop on this book that is being held Thursday evening, October 6th, 6:30pm. Participants do not need to have attended that workshop, however.

Have an announcement to share with the congregation?

Email Andrea Capere at communicationsspecialist@ouuc.org to have your message included in the Order of Service.