



November 20, 2022

A Different Thanksgiving Story

with Rev. Mary Gear

As we enter a time of holidays and holy days, how do we reconcile a story of Thanksgiving that is false and harmful? What might we do to restore meaning to this time? What accountability does our faith call us to?

*Please help us ensure a meaningful experience for all in attendance online and in-person. Kindly silence your cell phones.
Hearing assistance devices are available in the sanctuary at the tech desk.*

Prelude

Troy Fisher (he/him)

Morning Song: "At The River"

Words & music: Robert Lowry, adapted Aaron Copland

David Huneryager (he/him)

Welcome

Des McGahern (he/him)

Lighting the Chalice

Des McGahern

Opening Words and Land Acknowledgment

From Learning Right Relations in collaboration
with the Squaxin Tribal Council

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)

Opening Hymn

Troy Fisher

Hymn #349 "We Gather Together"

Words: Dorothy Caiger & Robert E. Senghas

Music: Adrian Valerius

Story for All: The Real Story of The First Thanksgiving

by Sara Lewis

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate	<i>Des McGahern</i>
Offertory: "Song of Gratitude" Words: Michael Dennis Browne / Music: Craig Hella Johnson	<i>OUUC Choir</i>
Ritual of Sharing from the Heart	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
Prayer	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
Musical Response: Hymn #317 "We Are Not Our Own" Words: Brian Wren / Music: David Hurd	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Reading: "Stolen Lands, Stolen Children" by Rev. Myke Johnson	<i>Des McGahern</i>
A Different Thanksgiving Story: Part 1	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
Reading: "Who Is Freedom For?" by David Schwartz	<i>Des McGahern</i>
A Different Thanksgiving Story: Part 2	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
Closing Hymn: Hymn #309 "Earth Is Our Homeland" Words: Mark L. Belletini / Music: Johannes Brahms	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Extinguishing the Chalice	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
Unison Benediction Words: Rev. Mary Gear / Music: Troy Arnold 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.	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Postlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>

After-service Programming: Forum with the OUUC Board of Trustees and the Capital Campaign Committee

Next Sunday, November 27: "Lessons From Gate A-4" with Rev. Mary Gear and The Pacific Western Region Staff Team

In her poem "Gate A-4", Arab-American poet Naomi Shihab Nye shares an account of distress, compassion and community as she is called to interpret Arabic for a fearful traveler at an airport. As many of us take to the highways, airways and railways this November and December, the PWR Staff has put together a worship service that touches on the themes of the poem, and questions such as Who are we called to care for? When do we answer the call to serve? Where might we be surprised by grace?

Share the Plate Offering: For the month of November, our Share the Plate recipient is the Olympia Books to Prisoners.

Olympia Books to Prisoners works to offset the dehumanizing effects of incarceration by sending quality used books free of charge to prisoners all over the United States. They aim to foster a love of reading behind bars and encourage the autonomous, self-directed pursuit of knowledge on the part of those they serve.

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.



Weekly Announcements

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Give to the OUUC Capital Campaign Today!

The Capital Campaign to Fund Our Future is well underway. We need just over \$243,000 in commitments to meet our total goal of \$541,500. This money will be used to replace the ancient, failing furnaces in the Sanctuary and central offices with current heat pumps to keep us all warm in an environmentally friendly way. Our goal averages to a commitment of around \$1,000 per member over the course of 3 years. To clarify, this is not an expectation that all members can or will be able to commit \$1,000 – that's just the average. We hope that everyone gives their capability to help us Fund our Future at OUUC.

Make your contribution here: <https://onrealm.org/OUUC/-/form/pledge/2022-2025capital>

Save the Date: Thanksgiving Potluck

Nov. 24th 2 p.m. (replaces the Community Dinner at 5:30)

Look for a sign up board in the Commons or email Rev Sara for more information.

Community Dinner for All!

Thursdays at 5:30 p.m returns Dec. 1

Join us on Thursday December 1 for the Community Dinner at 5:30. We need folks to help with dinners! If you can help, email Rev. Sara.

Building the World We Dream About

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

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

Location: MultiPlatform (in person in classroom 3 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](#)

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.

Defund Fear Study and Action Circle

First Saturdays, 1-3pm (Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, April 1, May 6, June 3) Facilitated by Anne Hundle

Location: Zoom | Register Here: <https://bit.ly/3T1IT3P>

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.