



November 27, 2022

“Lessons From Gate A-4”

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?

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: Hymn #1024 “When the Spirit Says Do”

Troy Fisher

Words & music: African-American spiritual, arr. Mark Freundt

Welcome

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her) & Janet Spencer (she/her)

Lighting the Chalice

Janet Spencer

Lighting the First Advent Candle

Rev. Mary Gear & Janet Spencer

Opening Words

Rev. Mary Gear

from Laura Horton-Ludwig

Opening Hymn: Hymn #68 “Come, Ye Thankful People”

Troy Fisher

Words: Henry Alford / Music: George Job Elvey

A Meditation for All Ages	<i>Annie Scott</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Share the Plate	<i>Janet Spencer</i>
Offertory	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Ritual of Sharing from the Heart	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
Harmonizing Our Breath	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
Musical Response: Hymn #1009 “Meditation on Breathing” Words & music: Sarah Dan Jones	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Reading: “Gate A-4” by Naomi Shihab Nye	<i>Rev. Summer Albayati</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Reflections Inspired by “Gate A-4” “Ministry in Airports” by Rev. Sarah Shurr “Magic The Emerges Between Us” by Rev. Sarah Gibb Millspaugh “Overhead and Oversoul” by Rev. Carlton E. Smith	
Closing Hymn: Hymn #1010 “We Give Thanks” Words & music: Wendy Luella Perkins, arr. Susan Peck	<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>

After-service Programming: None.

Next Sunday, December 4: “On Refuge”

In this month of holidays and holy days, we explore the spiritual theme of refuge. What does it mean to offer refuge—to ourselves and each other? Where do we find refuge?

After-service forum on “Why Worship?” with Rev. Mary Gear and Rev. Sara Lewis.

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 13 2022

Give to the OUUC Capital Campaign Today!

The Capital Campaign to Fund Our Future is well underway. 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>

Community Dinner for All!

Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. 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 6:30-8:30 pm 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. 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 (Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, April 1, May 6, June 3) Facilitated by Anne Hundle

Location: Zoom | Register Here: <https://bit.ly/3T1T3P>

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 was held Thursday evening, October 6th. Participants do not need to have attended that workshop, however.