



December 11, 2022

“A Rose in the Wintertime”

Victoria Poling

In the season of long nights and short days, we'll reflect on the wondrous and ordinary miracles of peace and refuge that welcome us to come home to ourselves.

*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 Hymn: Hymn #235 “Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly” Words: Traditional Welsh / Music: Old Welsh carol

Troy Fisher

Welcome

Anne Kohlbray (she/her)

Lighting the Chalice

Anne Kohlbray

Lighting the Second Advent Candle

Victoria Poling (she/her)

Opening Words

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“I know this Rose will Open” by Mary Grigolia

Opening Hymn: Hymn #346 “Come, Sing a Song with Me”

Troy Fisher

Words & music: Carolyn McDade

Story for All: “The Other Seven Wonders” originally told by Joy Garrison Wasson

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)

Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Share the Plate Offering	<i>Anne Kohlbray</i>
Offertory: “Sing to the Moon” Words and music: Laura Mvuia and Steven Brown	<i>Karen Gheorghiu (she/her)</i>
Ritual of Sharing from the Heart	<i>Victoria Poling</i>
Prayer words from Rebecca Parker	<i>Victoria Poling</i>
Musical Response: Hymn #55 “Dark of Winter” Words & music: Shelley Jackson Denham	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Reading: Winter Solstice by Rev. Rebecca Parker	<i>Anne Kohlbray</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Sermon	<i>Victoria Poling</i>
Closing Hymn: Hymn #396 “I Know This Rose Will Open” Words & music: Mary E. Grigolia	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice	<i>Victoria Poling</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: Next Sunday, December 18: “Refuge in the Dark” with Rev. Mary Gear	

As we approach the Winter Solstice, we reflect on the gifts of darkness. This service includes a meditation to embrace the dark.

Share the Plate Offering: For the month of December, 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.

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>



Winter Solstice Spiral Meditation

Thursday December 22nd, 7pm | OUUC

Join us on for a winter solstice spiral walk and blessing. We will mark the darkest days of the year with music, walking meditation, candles, and blessings. Weather permitting we will be outdoors, moving inside for rain, so dress warm.

Community Dinner for All!

Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Join us on Thursday December 8 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.

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