



December 24, 2022

5:30pm

**“Room at the Inn”
OUUC’s Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

*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)

Sing Together: #244 “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

Troy Fisher

Words: Edmund Hamilton Sears

Music: Richard Storrs Willis

Welcome

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)

Lighting the Chalice

Rev. Sara Lewis

“Fellow Sojourners” by Dan Lambert, adapted

Lighting the Final Advent Candle

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her) & Rev. Sara Lewis

Words by Rev. Erika Hewitt

Sing Together: #246 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Troy Fisher

Words: Phillip Brooks/ Music: English melody

Opening Words

Rev. Mary Gear

“Meditation on Winter Celebrations” by Elizabeth M Strong,
adapted

Sing Together: #321 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Troy Fisher

Words: Earl Marlatt / Music: French carol

Reading: Gospel of Luke 2: 1-7

from the Good News translation of the Christian Bible

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Interlude: "Away In A Manger"

Words: anon. / Music: W.J. Kirkpatrick, arr. John Rutter

Troy Fisher & OUUC Choir

A Story of Refuge

By Rev. Mary with thanks to Lynn Gardner & Gwen Matthews

Rev. Sara Lewis

Offering for the Minister's Benevolence Fund

Rev. Mary Gear

Offertory: "Lo, How a Rose / The Rose"

Arranged by Craig Hella Johnson

Troy Fisher & OUUC Choir

A Story of Light

Rev. Mary Gear

Sharing the Light

Rev. Sara Lewis

Sing Together: #251 Silent Night

Words: Joseph Mohr / Music: Franz Xaver Gruber

Troy Fisher

Benediction

by Tom Schade, adapted

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Sunday, December 25: "Christmas Morning Celebration" with Rev. Mary Gear at 10 am online and in-person.

Sunday, January 1, 2023: Welcome the new year! Rev. Sara Lewis hosts an outdoor fire ritual at OUUC at 10 am, in-person only.

Offering: 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

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Thursday evening Community Dinners resume January 5 at 5:30 pm.

These dinners are for everyone! They are followed by classes at 6:30 and spiritual practice at 7 pm. On January 5, Megan Johnston will play her harp, Fiona. Contact Rev. Sara to help with the dinner set-up and preparation.

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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.

It's not too late to join the class. Email Rev Sara for more details. dre@ouuc.org

Kids Making \$ense Class starts in January

Offered Thursdays 6:30-7:30, January 19th to March 23rd. A Class about money, labor, generosity, stewardship, and justice for children ages 4-10. Children will learn about money and spending, saving, and giving, explore religious teachings about stewardship and charity, and learn about labor, justice, and care for our common and sacred earth resources.

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.