



December 25, 2022

“Christmas Morning Celebration”

Rev. Mary Gear and Troy Fisher

Welcome all who wish to gather for carol singing and words of inspiration.

*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

Troy Fisher

#253 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Words: John Francis Wade / Music: John Francis Wade’s
manuscript

#245 “Joy to the World!”

Words: Isaac Watts / Music: Attr. to George Frederick
Handel, arr. By Lowell Mason

Welcome

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)

Lighting the Chalice

Troy Fisher

Words from Kathryn Estey

Sing Together: #239 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Troy Fisher

Words & music: African American spiritual
Music arr. By Paul Sjolund

Opening Words

“We Have an Old Story to Tell” by Gretchen Haley

Rev. Mary Gear

Sing Together: #254 “Sing We Now of Christmas”

Words: Traditional French carol / Music: Medieval French carol, harmony by Marcel Dupre

Troy Fisher

Reading: “The Journey Back to Bethlehem”

by Teresa Schwartz, adapted

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Interlude: “Christmas Moon”

Words & music: Troy Arnold Fisher

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate Offering

Rev. Mary Gear

Offertory

Troy Fisher

Ritual of Sharing from the Heart

Rev. Mary Gear

Prayer “Christmas Meditation”

by Christine C. Robinson, adapted

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Response:

#240 “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

Words: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow / Music: English traditional melody

Troy Fisher

Homily: “More Than a Bike”

by Megan Foley

Read by Rev. Mary Gear

Sing Together: #237 “The First Nowell”

Words: English carol / Music: William Sandys

Troy Fisher

Extinguishing the Chalice
Words by Howard Thurman

Rev. Mary Gear

Unison Benediction

Troy Fisher

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.

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection question:

How do you mark the holidays this season?

Next Sunday, January 1, 2023: "Welcoming the New Year" with Rev. Sara Lewis

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.



Weekly Announcements

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Give to the OUUC Capital Campaign Today!

The Capital Campaign to Fund Our Future is on its way!! Our goal averages to a commitment of around \$1,000 per member over the course of 3 years. 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>

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

These dinners are for everyone! They're followed by classes at 6:30. The spiritual practice at 7 pm features Megan Johnston and 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, 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.