



December 4, 2022

**“On Refuge”**

Rev. Mary Gear

*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 #1018 “Come and Go with Me”**

*Troy Fisher*

Words & music: African-American spiritual, arr. Kenny  
Smith

**In Memoriam: Ginny Smith**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

**Welcome**

*Anne Radford (she/her)*

**Lighting the Chalice**

*Anne Radford*

**Lighting the Second Advent Candle**

*Anne Radford & Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)*

**Opening Words**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

from Richard Trudeau

**Opening Hymn: Hymn #1054 “Let This Be a House of Peace”**

*Troy Fisher*

Words & music: Jim Scott

**Musical Interlude**

*Troy Fisher*

**Welcoming New Members**

*Rev. Mary Gear, Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her),  
Arlene Colerick (she/her)*

**Members: We receive you with open hands and hearts. As you join us, we once again renew our own commitment to membership at OUUC.**

**Everyone: We join together to live out our covenant and our shared vision to be a liberal religious community that helps create a loving, just and healthy world. We are proud and happy to have you among us. Welcome!**

**Musical Interlude**

*Troy Fisher*

**Share the Plate Offering**

*Anne Radford*

**Offertory: “Hard Times Come Again No More”**

**(vs. 1 & 2)**

Words & music: Stephen Foster, arr. James Taylor

*OUUC Choir*

**Ritual of Sharing from the Heart**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

**Prayer**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

**Musical Response: “Hard Times Come Again No More”**

**(vs. 3 & 4)**

Words & music: Stephen Foster, arr. James Taylor

*Troy Fisher and OUUC Choir*

**Reading: Excerpt from “Searching for Home”**

by Christian Schmidt

*Anne Radford*

**Musical Interlude**

*Troy Fisher*

**On Refuge: Part One**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

**Reading: Excerpt from “Searching for Home”**

by Christian Schmidt

*Anne Radford*

**On Refuge: Part Two**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

**Closing Hymn: Hymn #1053 “How Could Anyone”**

Words & music: Libby Roderick

*Troy Fisher*

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

**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.

*Troy Fisher*

**Postlude**

*Troy Fisher*

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

**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?

**Reflection question(s):**

What does refuge mean to you?

When have you felt refuge?

When have you offered refuge?

**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.

**New Members joining OUUC today:**

Naki Stevens

Tony Hornsby

Chandra Bezjak

Anne Van Sweringen

Jean Meyn

Beatrice Owona-Kellogg

Frank Winters

Aurora Winters

Cheiron McMahill

Shiroh Moriya

Diane Daly

Brenda Huneryager

David Huneryager

**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>



**Give Now! Before December 8th - Holiday Giving Tree to Support Families at LP Brown Elementary**

At LP Brown over 70% of the families are low income and many could benefit from some assistance to ensure they have what they need for the holidays. This year, LP Brown is hosting a Giving Tree. Families who sign up for the Giving Tree will be given gift cards to purchase holiday gifts for their children as well as groceries for a family meal. This provides the family with assistance while also ensuring that they still have agency to get what works best for their family. OUUC is helping out by collecting gift cards to this Giving Tree. We are seeking \$25 gift cards to Target, Walmart, Safeway, Fred Meyer, and Grocery Outlet.

Please bring gift cards to Rev Sara Or place them in the stocking on her office door no later than **Thursday, December 8th.**

**Drop In Discussion Group**

Tuesday Dec. 6th, 6:30-8pm | Zoom

Join Rev. Sara for a discussion on the November theme we’ve been exploring: Accountability. All are welcome, look for the zoom link in the weekly email or email Rev Sara at [dre@ouuc.org](mailto:dre@ouuc.org) for the link.

**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/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.