



“The Better Angels of Our Nature”

Rev. Carol McKinley

Sunday, February 12, 2023

On this date in 1809 Abraham Lincoln was born; on a cold March morning in 1861 he delivered his first inaugural address as president of the United States. Knowing the nation was facing dark times, he called people to heed “the better angels of our nature” if the liberation and justice for all proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence were to be realized. Today, as people of faith, we are urged to call upon the better angels of our nature as we face challenges in our world.

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #318 “We Would Be One”

Words: Samuel Anthony Wright / Music: Jean Sibelius

Welcome *Des McGahern (he/him)*

Lighting the Chalice *Rev. Carol McKinley*

by Maureen Killoran *(she/her)*

Opening Words *Rev. Carol McKinley*

by Manish Mishra-Marzetti

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #121 “We’ll Build a Land”

Words: Barbara Zanotti (Isaiah/Amos) adapt.

Music: Carolyn McDade

Story For All: Parable of the Long Spoons *Rev. Sara Lewis*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Des McGahern*

Offertory *Troy Fisher*

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart *Rev. Carol McKinley*

Prayer *Rev. Carol McKinley*

Musical Response *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1012 “When I Am Frightened”

Words & music: Shelley Jackson Denham

Reading *Des McGahern*

Susan B. Anthony [adapted]

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Reading *Rev. Carol McKinley*

Albert Camus [adapted]

Closing Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1028 “The Fire of Commitment”

Words : Mary Katherine Morn & Jason Shelton / Music:

Jason Shelton

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice *Rev. Carol McKinley*

Words: Elizabeth Tarbox [adapted]

Sermon: The Better Angels of Our Nature *Rev. Carol McKinley*

Unison Benediction *Troy Fisher*

Words: Rev. Mary Gear/Music: Troy Fisher

May you know the Spirit in you.

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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:

- What spiritual resources help you navigate difficult and complex issues in our world?
- Do you recall myths and mistakes of the past from which you have liberated yourself? How did that happen?

After-Service: *After Church with Melanie Ransom, Featuring Sally Brennand*

Next Sunday, February 19: "On Liberation" with Rev. Mary Gear

We explore the monthly spiritual theme of liberation. Are freedom and liberation the same? What are we as a people of faith called to do for collective liberation?

COVID-19 Update: As of January 25, 2023, The OUUC Health & Safety Task Force has decided to move to masks optional at OUUC. This means that each person has the choice to wear a mask or not and masks are welcome. We remind you to please join us online if you have any symptoms.

Share the Plate Offering: For the month of February, our Share the Plate recipient is The Catholic Community Services Community Kitchen. The Catholic Community Services Community Kitchen provides life sustaining meals to those living unsheltered or in temporary shelters. The Kitchen serves Lunch and Dinner throughout the year to individuals, children, families, and veterans living in poverty, and struggling under the effects of intolerance and racism. Your gift will help the Community Kitchen produce more than 100,000 meals for our hungry neighbors in 2023.

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.

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