



## **“The World Just Keeps On Turning”**

Rev. Mary Gear

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Less than two months into the pandemic, Rev. Mary told this congregation that no one would go through that time unchanged, and we would need to learn again how to be together. Roughly two years later, Alicia Seegers Martinelli won the OUUC auction service and asked Rev. Mary to revisit that concept. This service will explore the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic, how it changed and transformed us, and how the world keeps turning.

### **Prelude**

*Troy Fisher (he/him)*

### **Morning Song**

*Troy Fisher*

“We Shall Be Known” (lyrics on reverse)

Words & music: Karisha Longaker of MaMuse

### **Welcome**

*Alicia Seegers Martinelli (she/her)*

### **Lighting the Chalice**

*Alicia Seegers Martinelli*

by L.R. Knost

### **Opening Words**

*Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)*

by Rod Richards

### **Opening Hymn**

*Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1074 “Turn the World Around”

Word & music: Harry Belafonte and Robert Freedman

### **Reading I**

*Alicia Seegers Martinelli*

### **Part I: Thresholds**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

### **Musical Interlude**

*Troy Fisher*

### **Share the Plate Offering**

*Alicia Seegers Martinelli*

### **Offertory**

*Troy Fisher and OUUC Choir*

“Dos Oruguitas” (“Two Little Caterpillars”)

words by Lin-Manuel Maranda

Arranged by Troy Fisher

### **Ritual of Sharing From the Heart**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

### **Prayerful Practice**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

### **Musical Response**

*Troy Fisher*

Hymn #354 “We Laugh, We Cry”

Words & music: Shelley Jackson Denham

### **Reading II**

*Alicia Seegers Martinelli*

### **Part II: Transformation**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

### **Musical Interlude**

*Troy Fisher and OUUC Choir*

Dos Oruguitas (Two Little Caterpillars)

Words & music: Lin-Manuel Maranda

Arranged: Troy Fisher

### **Reading III**

*Alicia Seegers Martinelli*

### **Part III: A New Normal**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

### **Closing Hymn**

*Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1011 “Return Again”

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Words & music: Shlomo Carlebach

### **Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice**

excerpted from Amanda Gorman's  
poem "The Hill We Climb."

*Rev. Mary Gear &  
Alicia Seegers Martinelli*

### **Unison Benediction**

Words: Rev. Mary Gear/Music: Troy 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.

*Tory Fisher*

### **Postlude**

*Troy Fisher*

### **Reflection question:**

- How have you been changed by Covid?

**After-Service:** Forum on Article II Commission with Rev. Sara & Rev. Mary

**Next Sunday, February 12:** "The Better Angels of Our Nature" with Rev. Carol McKinley

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.

**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.

### **"We Shall Be Known"**

Part 1: We shall be known by the company we keep  
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires  
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap  
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

Part 2: It is time now, it is time now that we thrive  
It is time we lead ourselves into the well  
It is time now, and what a time to be alive  
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love  
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