



“On Commitment”

Rev. Mary Gear

Sunday, March 12, 2023

In this month of generosity and stewardship, we explore the spiritual theme of commitment. What does it mean to commit to ourselves and to something beyond ourselves? And, it's Daylight Savings Time Spring ahead, so it's pajama Sunday at OUUC!

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

“Oh River”

Words & music: Krisha Longaker

Welcome *Alicia Seegers Martinelli (she/her)*

Lighting the Chalice *Alicia Seegers Martinelli*

by Rev. Dawn Skjei Cooley

Opening Words *Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)*

by Rev. Sharon Wylie

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #6 “Just As Long As I Have Breath”

Words: Alicia S. Carpenter / Music:

Johann G. Eseling,

Harmony rev. By John Edwin Giles

VIDEO: Stewardship Moment *Alicia Seegers Martinelli*

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate Offering

Alicia Seegers Martinelli

Offertory

“Give a Little Bit” Songwriters: Richard
Davies / Roger Hodgson

Julie & Ian Stephan

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart

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Prayer

by Tess Baumberger

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Musical Response

“More Love”

Words: Shaker song text adapt. / Music:
Kevin Siegfried

OUUC Choir

Reading I

by June Jordan

Alicia Seegers Martinelli

Part I: Traditional Commitment

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Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Reading II:

by Henry Nelson Wieman

Alicia Seegers Martinelli

Part II: Living Commitment

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Closing Hymn

Troy Fisher

Hymn #112 “Do You Hear?”

Words: Emily L. Thorn / Music: William
Caldwell's *Union Harmony*,
harmony by Eugene Wilson Hancock

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Extinguishing the Chalice

by Rev. Sarah Lammert

Rev. Mary Gear

Unison Benediction

Words: Rev. Mary Gear/Music: Troy Fisher

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.

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection question:

- What commitment has shaped you the most? Or, what commitment most deeply defines you?
- When we commit to a path, we leave another behind. Is there a “path not chosen” in your story?

After service: Forum with the Capital Reserve Study Implementation Team.

Next Sunday, March 19: “Ritual of Lamentation for Racism” with Rev. Mary Gear and Rev. Sara Lewis.

In this month of commitment, we mourn those lost to racism and recommit ourselves to justice for all.

March 19 After Service Forum: Proposed OUUC Behavioral Covenant presented by the Covenant Writing Team and Rev. Mary

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: Our Share the Plate organization for March and April is Hands On Personal Empowerment (HOPE). *Hands On Personal Empowerment (HOPE) engages Mason County Youth to become empowered, productive members of their local community and the world they will inherit. HOPE teaches job skills, leadership, communication, social justice, nutrition, and health all through a garden modality. All produce grown in the HOPE Gardens is used for their Farm to table cooking program, sent home with all participating youth, and donated to the free food hub and local food banks.*

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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