



“Love Will Guide Us”

Rev. Mary Gear and Karmel Shields

Sunday, March 26, 2023

We wrap up our month of reflection on commitment, generosity, and stewardship with a leaf communion and celebration of love at the center.

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1028 “The Fire of Commitment”

Words: Mary Katherine Morn and Jason Shelton

Music: Jason Shelton

Welcome *James Trujillo (he/him)*

Lighting the Chalice *James Trujillo*

by Laura Wallace

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

“Celebrating Abundance”

by Rev. Theresa I. Soto

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #389 “Gathered Here”

Words & music: Philip A. Porter

Reflections on Commitment *Gary Worthington (he/him)*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *James Trujillo*

Offertory *OUUC Choir*

“We Will Sing of a Dream”

Music & lyrics: Kevin A. Memley

Lyrics: Inspired by Arthur O'Shaunessy's “Ode”

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart *Rev. Mary Gear*

Prayerful Practice *Rev. Mary Gear*

Musical Response *OUUC Choir*

“If Not Now”

Words & music: Carrie Newcomer

Reading *James Trujillo*

“The Wellspring of Moral Action”

by Dr. Sharon D. Welch

Part I: My Faith Kula *Karmel Shields (she/her)*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Reading *James Trujillo*

by Thomas Hubl

Part II: Intentional Community *Rev. Mary Gear*

Including “When You Have More Than Enough”

by Dawn Star Sarahs-Borchelt

Closing Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #131 “Love Will Guide Us”

Words: Sally Rogers

Music: Traditional, arr. By Betty . Wylder

Extinguishing the Chalice *Rev. Mary Gear*

with closing words inspired by Michael Schuler

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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 questions:

- Was there something in today's service that caught your attention and made you think or feel something--a word, phrase, piece of music?
- Has your thinking or feeling about commitment changed this month?
- What commitments have you made this month?

After-Service Event: After-Church with Melanie Ransom, featuring Marie Arensmeyer

Next Sunday, April 2: "When You're Going Through Hell, Keep Going" with Dr. Mary Ellen Johnson. Mary Ellen holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Wisdom School of Graduate Studies. She is also a Religious Science Practitioner and a Certified Labyrinth Facilitator.

April 2 After-Service Event: Forum with Rev. Mary on OUUC After Covid

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.

At OUUC masks are welcome and optional. Please join us online if you don't feel well.

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