



“Perfectly Imperfect”

with Rylee Uhrich
Sunday, April 23, 2023

In these uncertain times, let’s overturn the myth of perfectionism and find the strength of turning towards community. For this Earth Day service, we’ll consider what we want to do differently in our personal work towards climate justice.

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1074 “Turn the World Around”

Words & music: Harry Belafonte & Robert
Freedman, arr. Jason Shelton

Welcome *Curtis Tanner (he/him)*

Lighting the Chalice *Curtis Tanner*

with words by Rev Amy Russell

Opening Words *Rylee Uhrich (she/they/R)*

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #163 “For the Earth Forever Turning”

Words & music: Kim Oler, arr. By Nick Page

Story for All *Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)*

“The Water Bearer’s Garden”
by Betsy Hill Williams

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Curtis Tanner*

Offertory *Troy Fisher*

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart *Rev. Sara Lewis*

Prayerful Practice *Rylee Uhrich*

Musical Response *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”

Words & music: Carolyn McDade,
harmony by Grace Lewis-McLaren

Reading *Rylee Uhrich*

from After the Good News
by Rev Nancy McDonald Ladd

Reading *Curtis Tanner*

from “Less Energy, More Life”
by Wendell Berry

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Sermon *Rylee Uhrich*

Closing Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn “Loosen Loosen”

Words & music: Aly Halpert

Part 1

Loosen, loosen, baby
You don’t have to carry
The weight of the world in your muscles
and bones
Let go, let go, let go

Part 2

Holy breath, and holy name
Will you ease, will you ease this pain

Extinguishing the Chalice *Rylee Uhrich*

with closing words by Rev Kristen Taves

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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:

- What does Earth Day mean to you? How do you like to celebrate it?
- Do you have any atonement or reparations practices? What do you like or dislike about the idea of atonement?

After-Service Talk-Show: After Church with Melanie Ransom, featuring Rev. Sara Lewis

Next Sunday, April 30: “Trust: The Lost and Found” with Rev. Vincent Lachina

Few things are more important to a minister than to have the trust of others. It would be complicated, if not impossible to have any credibility if there is no trust. Sadly, once trust is lost, there is a vacuum of belief that has a lasting effect on a hearer. Almost everyone knows how trust is lost, but perhaps a lesson to learn is how to find or build trust. The message prepared for you at OUUC is a focus on how you as individuals and you as a body of church goers can establish and build trust in the world in which you live.

April 30 After-Service Forum: Anti-Racist Terminology 101 with Rev. Sara Lewis

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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.

If you write a check, please note "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.

“Come Together” for the OUUC auction to be in community, support our congregation's good work, and donate and bid on activities that allow for social events, experiences, and learning throughout the year. The live auction and community gathering is Saturday, May 6, 5 to 8 pm at OUUC. Tickets are \$10 to \$100 per person—pay what you can. It's not too late to buy your ticket. The sooner, the better! Small plates and drinks will be served. The online auction opens April 30 and closes May 7, 2023. **Want to donate an item or host an event?** Donations of social events, outings, get-togethers, handmade items, or unique opportunities are welcome before April 28.

Visit <http://auctria.com/auction/OUUC> for more information.