



“Trusting Re-emergence”

with Rev. Mary Gear and Rev. Sara Lewis

Sunday, April 9, 2023

On this Easter Sunday, we reflect on our re-emergence from a global pandemic, exploring how we wish to be in the world and with each other.

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #61 “Lo, the Earth Awakes Again”

Words: Samuel Longellow / Music: Lyra Davidica

Welcome *Des McGahern (he/him)*

Lighting the Chalice *Des McGahern*

“In Our Circle Again”

by Shari Woodbury

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

“What Gives Us Life”

by Vanessa Rush Southern and Alyson Jacks

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1048 “Ubi Caritas”

Words: Latin - “Where charity and love abound,

God is there.” / Music: Taize

Story for All

“Mary Magdalene's Story”

by Tess Baumberger

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Reflection: Trusting Feelings *Rev. Sara Lewis*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Des McGahern*

Offertory *OUUC Choir*

“i am a little church”

Words: e.e. cummings / Music: Troy Arnold Fisher

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

Prayer *Rev. Mary Gear*

by Rev. Sue Ayer

Musical Response *OUUC Choir*

“If It Be Your Will”

Words: Leonard Cohen / Music: The O’Pears

Reading *Des McGahern*

excerpt from Transitions: Making Sense of Life’s

Changes by William Bridges

Reading *Rev. Mary Gear*

From “Holy Week in a Time of Pandemic”

by Bruce Epperly

Reflection: Trusting Re-emergence *Rev. Mary Gear*

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

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Hearing assistance devices are available in the sanctuary at the tech desk.

Closing Hymn

Hymn #381 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Composite based on Isaac Watts

Troy Fisher

Extinguishing the Chalice

with closing words by Thomas Merton

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 questions:

- In what ways are you in transition right now?
- What feelings are you feeling?
- Do you mark Holy Week, Easter, or any other holy days at this time of year?

After-Service Event: Easter Egg Hunt at Burri Park

Next Sunday, April 16: “On Trust” with Rev. Mary Gear

We will explore the spiritual theme of “trust.” What does it mean to trust? How do we regain trust when it has been broken and hope has been challenged? We will also welcome new members to OUUC.

April 16 After-Service Forum: Board Sunday: “Congregational Finances for the Rest of Us” with the OUUC Board of Trustees.

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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