



### **“On Vision”**

with Rev. Mary Gear

Sunday, May 7, 2023

We explore the spiritual theme of vision.  
Is it possible to “see” clearly and what helps us do so if we can?

**Prelude** *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

**Morning Song** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #1068 “Rising Green”**

Words & music: Carolyn McDade

**Welcome** *Liz Clement (she/they)*

**Lighting the Chalice** *Liz Clement*

“A vision for Unitarian Universalism in a  
multicultural world” by the UUA Leadership Council

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

by Gordon B. McKeeman

**Opening Hymn** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #298 “Wake, Now, My Senses” (vs 1-3)**

Words: Thomas J.S. Mikelson / Music: Traditional

Irish melody, harmony by Carlton R. Young

### **Story for All**

“The Wise Ones and the Elephant”

adapted from an East Indian Folk Tale

### **Musical Interlude**

*Troy Fisher*

### **Share the Plate Offering**

*Liz Clement*

### **Offertory**

“No Matter”

Words & music: Brian Tate

*OUUC Choir*

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

*Rev. Mary Gear*

### **Prayerful Practice**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

### **Musical Response**

“Ubi caritas”

Music: Maurice Durufle

Where charity and love abound, God is there.

*OUUC Choir*

### **Another Story**

“The Smuggler” A Middle-Eastern Folk Tale

*Liz Clement and*

*Rev. Mary Gear*

### **Part I: Seeing Clearly**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

### **Musical Interlude**

*Troy Fisher*

### **Reading**

Excerpt from *Sweet Dreams in America: Making Ethics  
and Spirituality Work* by Dr. Sharon Welch

*Liz Clement*

### **Part II: Vision and Hope**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

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### **Closing Hymn**

#### **Hymn #298 “Wake, Now, My Senses” (vs 4-5)**

Words: Thomas J.S. Mikelson / Music: Traditional  
Irish melody, harmony by Carlton R. Young

*Troy Fisher*

### **Extinguishing the Chalice**

with words by Carrie Newcomer

*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*

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### **Reflection questions:**

- Are there times when you feel you are seeing clearly?
- Do you have ways to help identify your lenses and biases?

**After-Service Forum:** OUUC's Proposed Behavioral Covenant with Rev. Mary Gear

**Next Sunday, May 14:** “Lessons from Encanto: Healing Family and Generational Trauma” with Rev. Sara Lewis

**May 14 After-Service Forum:** Proposed Congregational Budget Review. If you like to dig into the details of OUUC's proposed budget, this forum is for you!

**Share the Plate Offering:** Our Share the Plate organization for May and June is the Arrest and Jail Alternatives Program of Catholic Community Services.

Since 2020, the Arrest and Jail Alternatives Program of Catholic Community Services has helped people with behavioral health issues and criminal justice involvement access drug treatment, temporary shelter, permanent housing, disability benefits, and a sense of basic dignity and respect that they may otherwise be denied. The services are primarily provided by Peer Case Managers who have lived experience of drug addiction, homelessness, and incarceration themselves. The majority of clients are unsheltered on the streets of Olympia, with needs for critical survival items like tents, sleeping bags, clothes, hot meals, snacks, and hygiene products.

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.

**The online auction closes today at 5 pm.** Visit the Auctria app or website (<http://auctria.com/auction/OUUC>) to place your final bids for the desserts, dinners, spa packages, walking tours, cabin getaway, classes, and more. Bid after the service, then bid some more!

**For more announcements,** read the Weekly Update here: <https://www.ouuc.org/who-we-are/publications/weekly-update/>

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