



**Sunday, July 23, 2023**  
**“An Evolving Faith”**  
with Rev. Carol McKinley

Nearly 2,500 years ago, the Greek philosopher Heraclitus is believed to have said,  
“The only constant in life is change.” No one today can deny the truth of that  
statement, although many try! After all, there is great comfort in having  
everything remain the same. But change is inevitable, and it opens doors to a  
more expansive view of the world and our place in it. Unitarian Universalism  
continues to open doors as it lives into being a faith that believes that this  
tradition, like life, continues to evolve.

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

**Morning Song** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #1000 “Morning Has Come”**

Words & Music: Jason Shelton

**Welcome** *Janet Spencer (she/her)*

**Lighting the Chalice** *Janet Spencer*

with words by Jean Rowe

**Opening Words** *Rev. Carol McKinley*

“Meditation on the Astral and Ancestral” *(she/her)*

by Jessica Rodela

**Opening Hymn** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #1003 “Where Do We Come From?”**

Words: Paul Gauguin / Music: Brian Tate

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

*Francis David, Guilty of Innovation*

by Gail Forsyth-Vail, Gail Tittle, & Matthew Tittle

**Musical Interlude** *Troy Fisher*

**Share the Plate Offering** *Janet Spencer*

**Offertory** *Troy Fisher*

**Ritual of Sharing From the Heart** *Rev. Carol McKinley*

**Prayerful Practice and Musical Response** *Rev. Carol McKinley and*

“Fire of the Spirit” by Ken Herman, and *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #1049 “Vieni Spirito Creatore”**

Words: Unknown / Music: Jacques Berthier

**Reading 1** *Janet Spencer*

from the Article II Study Commission Report

**Musical Interlude** *Troy Fisher*

**Reading 2** *Rev. Carol McKinley*

“Change” by Isaac Asimov

**Sermon: “An Evolving Faith”** *Rev. Carol McKinley*

**Closing Hymn** *Troy Fisher*

**#1017 “Building a New Way”**

Words & music: Marthha Sandefer, arr. Jim Scott

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## Extinguishing the Chalice

with closing words by Jean Rowe

*Rev. Carol McKinley*

## 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:

- Have you found beliefs, traditions, or practices in your life that were difficult to change?
- What made those changes difficult for you?
- In retrospect, did those changes have a positive effect in your life?

**Share the Plate Offering:** Our Share the Plate organization for July and August is the Haki Farmers Collective. <https://hakifarmers.org/>

Haki Farmers Collective seeks to bolster and reincorporate traditional and inherently sustainable farming knowledge that is present in our migrant and indigenous communities. By holding close decolonization frameworks, Haki seeks to encourage our intersecting Black, Indigenous, and Immigrant peoples to reclaim life-giving knowledge of truly sustainable foodways and plant medicine creation.

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. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply.
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<https://www.ouuc.org/who-we-are/publications/weekly-update/>

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