



Sunday, July 30, 2023

“Chaplaincy: Heart-Wrenchingly Painful Holy Work”
with roddy biggs

If nothing else, chaplaincy is heart-wrenchingly painful holy and spiritual work that leaves one to explore and make meaning of human suffering while believing in, praying to, and questioning everything they know about the very essence of all that is named and perceived as holy. Join us in worship as Seminarian and Aspiring Public Theologian, roddy bell-shelton biggs, shares their experience interning as a summer chaplain at a level one trauma center in the hills of East TN.

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #127 “Can I See Another’s Woe?”

Words: William Blake / Music: Melody based on “Veni Redemptor Gentium,” *Enchiridion, Erfurt* / Harmony: Seth Calvisius

Welcome *Liz Clement (she/they)*

Lighting the Chalice *Liz Clement*

“Struggle and Joy”
by Vance Bass

Opening Words *roddy biggs (they/them)*

“The Longing for Something More”
by Gretchen Haley

Opening Hymn

Troy Fisher

Hymn #1027 “Cuando el Pobre” (When the Poor Ones)

Words: Spanish - Jose Antonio Olivar, English - Martin A. Seltz / Music: Jose Antonio Olivar and Miguel Manzano, arr. Alvin Schutmaat

Story for All

*Rev. Sara Lewis
(she/her)*

“Tiny the God” by Becky Brooks

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

“Faith Is a Forest” (1st verse)

Words: Shelley Jackson Denham

Music: Chinese folk song, adapt. by Ii-to Loh

Share the Plate Offering

Liz Clement

Offertory

Karen Gheorghiu

“Abide”

Words: Parker J. Palmer / Music: Carrie Newcomer

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart

Rev. Sara Lewis

Prayerful Practice

roddy biggs

Musical Response

*Daniel Parrish and
Harmony Rutter*

“Dancing In The Shadows”

Words: Roddy Biggs

Music & vocals: Daniel Parrish and Harmony Rutter

Reading

Troy Fisher

“Faith Is a Forest” (2nd verse)

Sermon, Part 1

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Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

“Faith Is a Forest” (3rd verse)

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Reading

“Parable of the Plants” from the Lotus Sutra,
as translated by Gene Reeves

Liz Clement

Sermon, Part 2

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Closing Hymn**Hymn #1015 “I Know I Can”**

Words: Dennis Hamilton

Music: Jeannie Gagne, arr. Mark Freundt

Troy Fisher

Extinguishing the Chalice & Closing Words

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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:

- Who do you provide care for? And is that care asked for, or offered without an invitation?
- What questions, if any, do you ask the person who you provide care for about their needs and desires?
- How might we collectively provide care in different ways and spaces to those who need us most of all?

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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