



**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**“Love Accountably”**

with Rev. Crystal Zerfoss

Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values. We are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of Love. Inseparable from one another, these shared values are Interdependence, Pluralism, Justice,

Transformation, Generosity, and Equity.

Join us as we explore this collective Unitarian Universalist understanding of liberating Love, part of the proposed Article II revisions, and what it means for how we live and love accountably.

*Rev. Crystal Zerfoss serves the Inland Northwest Unitarian Universalist Community in Spokane and the Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Tacoma. She currently resides in Lacey near her partner, Suzanne, with her feline companion, Ella. When she's not in the pulpit or donning one of her many ministerial hats, she can be found kayaking on a local lake or putting together a large jigsaw puzzle as part of her spiritual practice.*

**Prelude**

Troy Fisher (he/him)

**Morning Song**

Troy Fisher

**Hymn #325 “Love Makes a Bridge” vs. 1-3, & 5**

Words: Brian Wren / Music: Gerald Wheeler

**Welcome**

Alicia Seegers Martinelli  
(she/her)

**In Memoriam: Nancy May and Chuck Ricketts**

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)

**Musical Interlude**

Troy Fisher

**Lighting the Chalice**

Alicia Seegers Martinelli

with words by Rev. Maureen Killoran

**Opening Words**

by Rev. Elizabeth Mount

Rev. Crystal Zerfoss

(she/her)

**Opening Hymn**

**Hymn #1008 “When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place”**

Words & Music: Joyce Poley,

keyboard arr. Lorne Kellett

Troy Fisher

**Story for All**

I Am Love: A Book of Compassion

by Susan Verde, art by Peter H. Reynolds

Rev. Crystal Zerfoss

**Musical Interlude**

“How Far Can Reach a Smile?” (Hymn #84) - Part 1

Words: Marjorie Jillson

Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann

Troy Fisher

**Share the Plate Offering**

Alicia Seegers Martinelli

**Offertory**

“How Far Can Reach a Smile?” (Hymn #84) - Part 2

Troy Fisher

**Ritual of Sharing From the Heart**

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)

**Prayerful Practice**

with words by Rev. Leslie Takahashi

Rev. Mary Gear

**Musical Response**

**Hymn #1009 “Meditation on Breathing”**

Words & Music: Sarah Dan Jones

Troy Fisher

**Reading**

“Time for the Work” from Spilling the Light:

Meditations on Hope and Resilience

by Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto (formerly Theresa)

Rev. Crystal Zerfoss

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## Musical Interlude

“How Far Can Reach a Smile?” (Hymn #84) - Part 3

*Troy Fisher*

## Sermon: “Love Accountably”

*Rev. Crystal Zerfoss*

## Closing Hymn

*Troy Fisher*

## Hymn #1017 “Building a New Way”

Words & Music: Martha Sandefer, arr. Jim Scott

## Extinguishing the Chalice

*Rev. Crystal Zerfoss*

with closing words by Elena Westbrook

## Unison Benediction

*Troy Fisher*

Words: Rev. Mary Gear / Music: 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:

- How do you envision accountability as we do the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of Love?
- What is one way you can do your best to make things better when something is wrong?

## Saturday, August 26, 3-6 pm: Annual OUUC Picnic at Millersylvania State Park -

Join us for a picnic, games, and fun. Bring a potluck dish to share, reusable dishware for your own family to use, and your Discover Pass. All are welcome!

**For more announcements**, read the Weekly Update here:

<https://www.ouuc.org/who-we-are/publications/weekly-update/>

**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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## Next Sunday, August 20, 2023: “An Unexpected Gift” with Rev. Jennifer Alviar

Imagine a creative, innovative approach toward disability justice - one that uplifts and empowers the cultural arts community - a more accessible, inclusive world where all people can enjoy museums, theaters, parks, zoos, libraries and other cultural venues. Through collective advocacy work and intentional design strategies, let us make this vision a reality in celebrating the arts with greater equity for congregations and the larger community alike!

*Rev. Jennifer DeBusk Alviar is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister engaged in advocacy and accessibility through the arts. She collaborates with arts-based nonprofits to cultivate greater equity and inclusion so that all people may enjoy museums, theaters, parks, zoos, libraries and other cultural venues. Rev. Alviar is the winner of the EquUal Access Carolyn Cartland Sermon Award for disability justice. She received her Master of Divinity degree at Starr King School for Ministry in Berkeley, California. She currently lives with her family on the indigenous land of the Duwamish people in Seattle, Washington.*

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