



Sunday, August 20, 2023

“An Unexpected Gift”

with Rev. Jennifer DeBusk Alviar

Imagine a creative, innovative approach toward disability justice. One that uplifts and empowers the cultural arts community. A more accessible, inclusive world where everyone may 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 all!

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.

Prelude Troy Fisher (he/him)

Morning Song Troy Fisher

Hymn #338 “I Seek the Spirit of a Child”

Words: Carl G. Seaburg

Music: Traditional English melody,
arr. and harmony by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome Anne Kohlbray (she/her)

Lighting the Chalice Anne Kohlbray

with words by Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Opening Words

Rev. Jennifer Alviar (she/her)

Opening Hymn

Troy Fisher

Hymn #188 “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

Words: Adapted from Rumi

Music: Lynn Adair Ungar

Story for All

Rev. Jennifer Alviar

What Do You Do with a Problem?

written by Kobi Yamada, illustrated by Mae Besom,
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Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate Offering

Anne Kohlbray

Offertory

Troy Fisher

“Pure Imagination”

Words & Music: Anthony Newley & Leslie Bricusse

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart

Anne Kohlbray

Prayerful Practice

Rev. Jennifer Alviar

with words by Khalil Gibran

Musical Response

Troy Fisher

Hymn #307 “Sing of Living, Sing of Dying”

Words: Thomas J.S. Mikelson

Music: W. Frederick Wooden

Reading

Rev. Jennifer Alviar

“Old Maps No Longer Work” by Joyce Rupp

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Sermon: “An Unexpected Gift”

Rev. Jennifer Alviar

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Closing Hymn

Troy Fisher

Hymn #1018 Come & Go With Me

Words & music: African-American spiritual,
slavery period, arr. Kenny Smith

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Jennifer Alviar

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- Was there something in today's service that caught your attention and made you think or feel something — a word, phrase, poem, piece of music?
 - What relevance does today's service/message have for your life and/or circumstances?
 - What made you laugh or brought you joy this week?
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This Saturday, August 26: Annual OUUC Picnic at Millersylvania State Park -

Come for fun, fellowship, and food! The picnic starts at 3pm with social activities, potluck dinner at 5pm. Bring a Discover Pass for each vehicle. Check in with Rev. Sara if you have any questions. 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 27, 2023: "And How Are the Children?" with Rev. Mary Gear and Rev. Sara Lewis

This Masai greeting places importance on the health of children as an indicator of the health of a community. Rev. Mary & Rev. Sara will have a conversation about how the children are at OUUC and in our larger community.

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