



**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.

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

**Morning Song** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #118 “This Little Light of Mine”**

Words & music: African American spiritual,  
harmony by Horace Clarence Boyer

**Welcome** *Emi Allen (they/them)*

**Lighting the Chalice** *Emi Allen*

with words adapted from Christian Schmidt  
and Alexis Capen

**Opening Words** *Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)*  
**“And How Are the Children?”** *and Rev. Sara Lewis*  
by Rev. Patrick T O'Neill *(she/her)*

**Opening Hymn** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #1012 “When I Am Frightened”**

Words & music: Shelley Jackson Denham,  
arr. Jeannie Gagne

**Ritual of Transition:** *Rev. Mary Gear and*  
Blessing of the Backpacks *Rev. Sara Lewis*

**Musical Interlude** *Troy Fisher*

**Story for All** *Cassius Love (he/him)*

**Musical Interlude** *Troy Fisher*

**Share the Plate Offering** *Emi Allen*

**Offertory** *Troy Fisher*

“Everything Possible”

Words & music: Fred Small

**Ritual of Sharing From the Heart** *Rev. Mary Gear*

**Prayerful Practice** *Emi Allen*

**Musical Response** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #18 “What Wondrous Love”**

Words: American folk hymn, New words by  
Connie Campbell Hart / Music: Melody for the  
Southern Harmony, arr. Chelsea Moon

**Discussion on “How Are the Children?”** *Rev. Mary Gear and*  
*Rev. Sara Lewis*

**Closing Hymn** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #1053 “How Could Anyone”**

Words & music: Libby Roderick

**Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice** *Rev. Mary Gear*

words adapted from Katharine Kline

**Postlude** *Troy Fisher*

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**Reflection questions:**

- What are your hopes for children at OUUC?
- Do you have any fears about the aging of OUUC?
- Were you raised in a faith community? If so, what did you learn there?

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**Today's After-Service Event:** Ritual of Recognition for Bri (in the lower parking lot at 11:30 am)

You may have heard that a person died by apparent overdose on OUUC property on Wednesday, August 9. Bri was a young woman with a tragic story and a tragic end. In recognition of this loss to our community, we will offer a ritual of recognition and remembrance for Bri on Sunday, August 27 at 11:30 am after the service. We will hold the ritual in the lower parking lot where Bri parked the RV she lived in.

All are welcome to this remembrance.

**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, September 3, 2023:** "The Power of We" with Rev. Carol McKinley

Labor Day offers a time to affirm the contributions of those producing and providing goods and services upon which we all rely, and to celebrate the movement that gave us the weekend. Religious values nurtured the struggle for worker justice, and remind us of the work that is yet to be done to achieve true equity in the workplace.

*The Reverend Carol McKinley is OUUC's affiliated community minister.*

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