



September Theme: Welcome

Hospitality is a form of worship. - Babylonian Talmud

Sunday, September 17, 2023

“Welcoming All”

with Rev. Mary Gear

In a time of great change, how do we embrace what is, what has been and what could be? How do we belong and matter when things change so quickly? Plus, a preview of plans for this congregational year.

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

“We Shall Be Known”

Words & Music: Karisha Longaker of MaMuse

Welcome *Curtis Tanner (he/him)*

Lighting the Chalice *Curtis Tanner*

with the words of Rev. Karen LeBlanc

Opening Words *Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)*

by Rev. Gordon B McKeeman

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1010 “We Give Thanks”

Words & Music: Wendy Luella Perkins,
arr. Susan Peck

A Practice of Welcome

Curtis Tanner

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

“Let This Be a House of Peace”

Words: Jim Scott, inspired by Kenneth Patton

Music: Jim Scott

Share the Plate Offering

Curtis Tanner

Offertory

Troy Fisher

“Let This Be a House of Peace” (continued)

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart

Rev. Mary Gear

Prayerful Practice

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Response

Troy Fisher

Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”

Words & Music: Carolyn McDade

Reading

Curtis Tanner

“A Letter in Return” by Rev. Lynn Ungar

Part 1: Welcoming Grief

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

“Let This Be a House of Peace” (continued)

Reading

Curtis Tanner

“A Letter in Return” (continued)

Part 2: Welcoming All

Rev. Mary Gear

Closing Hymn

Troy Fisher

“Heart Wide Open”

Words & Music: Lea Morris

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Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

with the words of Rev. Lynn Unger

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- When, where, and how have you experienced welcome?
- When, where, and how have you not felt welcomed?
- What helps you live with uncertainty?

After-Service Forum with the OUUC Board, today at 11:30 am.

Or join a Reflection Circle on the monthly theme of Welcome with Curt Hill in the Youth Room, 11:20-11:50 am today.

Next Sunday, September 24, 2023: "Killing Monsters: What do our monster stories say about human nature?" with Rev. Sara Lewis

What do the stories we have created about monsters, like Medusa, Frankenstein, Godzilla, and zombies, say about how we perceive good and evil, human and monster, acceptable and not?

After-Service Events for September 24:

11:30 - 11:50 am: After-Church with Melanie Ransom, feat. Thomas Smith

12:30 - 2 pm: All Volunteer Training with Rev. Sara on the subject of Welcome and Inclusion. Lunch will be provided. Anyone is welcome - please join us!

Saturday, September 23 at 7:30 pm at OUUC: Roy Zimmerman in Concert
Sing. Laugh. Hope. \$25 or pay what you can.

Share the Plate Offering: Our Share the Plate organization for September and October is The Black Power Pathways, a Mutual Aid Fund.

<https://blackpowerpathways.com/>

The Black Power Initiative's mission is to empower and create financial access for Black people to have the power to determine the destiny of our Black Community. With this ultimate vision, one small but significant first step is to provide emergency financial support in the form of small, low barrier cash grants to Black people in need to keep people from slipping through the cracks in this inequitable system. They also are a project of Black Power Pathways, formerly known as A Pathway to Hope, their Black-led start-up non-profit with the long term mission of helping formerly incarcerated people find paths to community support, housing and economic stability.

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. Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

UU affinity groups starting soon:

<u>Affinity Group</u>	<u>1st Meeting</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Buddhist Sangha	Thursday, 9/21 at 6:30 pm	Curt Hill
Pagan Group	Thursday, 9/21 at 7:00 pm	RSVP to Rev. Sara
Christian Affinity Group	Thursday, 9/28 at 6:30 pm	Eric Ness

Find details on these and more announcements in the Weekly Update:

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

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