



September Theme: Welcome

Hospitality is a form of worship. - Babylonian Talmud

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?

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #346 “Come, Sing a Song with Me”

Words & music: Carolyn McDade

Welcome *Anne Radford (she/her)*

Lighting the Chalice *Anne Radford*

“Until ‘All’ Means All”

by Erika Hewitt

Opening Words *Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)*

“You Are Beloved and You Are Welcome Here”

by Joan Javier-Duval

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

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

Words: Adapted from Rumi

Music: Lynn Adair Ungar

Story For All

“There’s a Monster Under My Bed”

by James Howe

Rev. Sara Lewis

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate Offering

Anne Radford

Offertory

“For This Joy”

Music: Lobe den Herren, arr. Susan LaBarr

Lyrics: Charles Anthony Silvestri

*OUUC Choir with
Linda Gerard on clarinet*

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart

Rev. Sara Lewis

Prayerful Practice

Rev. Sara Lewis

Musical Response

Troy Fisher

Hymn #73 “Chant for the Seasons”

Words: Mark L. Belletini / Music: Czech folk song,

Arranged by Grace Lewis-McLaren

Reading

from the book Women and Other Monsters

by Jess Zimmerman

Anne Radford

Part 1: The Monstrous

Rev. Sara Lewis

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Reading

from “Humanizing Monsters,” an article published in Civil American (2017), by Casey Dorman

Anne Radford

Part 2: The Human

Rev. Sara Lewis

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Closing Hymn

Troy Fisher

Hymn #1051 "We Are..."

Words & music: Ysaye M. Barnwell

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Sara Lewis

"As We Go Forward"

by Cheryl Block

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- What monsters have captured your imagination, and what fears or fantasies might they represent?
- How do you understand the human capacity for "evil"?
- How should we respond to humans who do harm?

Today's After-Service Events:

11:30 - 11:50 am: After-Church with Melanie Ransom, featuring 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!

Next Sunday, October 1, 2023: "Claiming Our Heritage" with Rev. Mary Gear

In order to be fully and wholly who we are, we must know our whole story and history, even the parts that we don't like so much. This applies to individuals and communities and nations seeking to heal and move into an unknown future. How do we recover and reclaim our heritage?

Oct. 1 After-Service Forum: How we care for each other in covenant, with the Healthy Congregations Team & the Safer Congregations Team

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.

Find more announcements in the Weekly Update:

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

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