



## September Theme: Welcome

*Hospitality is a form of worship. - Babylonian Talmud*

**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.*

**Prelude** *Stephanie Layton*

**Morning Song** *Stephanie Layton*

### **Hymn #1030 “Siyahamba”**

Words & music: South Africa, 20th Cent.,  
ed. Anders Nyberg

**Welcome** *Anne Kohlbray (she/her)*

**Lighting the Chalice** *Rev. Carol McKinley (she/her)*  
with the words of Denise Levertov

**Opening Words**  
by Sister Simone Campbell

*Rev. Carol McKinley*

### **Opening Hymn**

*Stephanie Layton*

### **Hymn #109 “As We Come Marching, Marching”**

Words: James Oppenheim // Music: Caroline  
Kohlsaat, harmony by Betty A. Wylder

**Story for All**  
Stone Soup, traditional story

*Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)*

### **Musical Interlude**

*Stephanie Layton*

### **Share the Plate Offering**

*Anne Kohlbray*

### **Offertory**

*Stephanie Layton*

### **Ritual of Sharing From the Heart**

*Rev. Carol McKinley*

### **Prayerful Practice**

*Rev. Carol McKinley*

with words from Elandria Williams

### **Musical Response**

*Stephanie Layton*

### **Hymn #1021 “Lean On Me”**

Words & music: Bill Withers, arr. David Moran

### **Reading 1**

*Anne Kohlbray*

Adapted from Vaclav Havel

### **Musical Interlude**

*Stephanie Layton*

### **Reading 2**

*Rev. Carol McKinley*

“One Love” by Hope Johnson

### **Sermon: “The Power of We”**

*Rev. Carol McKinley*

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## Closing Hymn

*Stephanie Layton*

### Hymn #1028 "The Fire of Commitment"

Words: Mary Katherine Morn and Jason Shelton

Music: Jason Shelton

## Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

*Rev. Carol McKinley*

with the words of William Sinkford

## Postlude

*Stephanie Layton*

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### Reflection questions:

- Have you had experience as a member of a labor union? If not, has the work of organized labor benefitted you or your family?
- Have you experienced the "power of we" in other ways?

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### No after-service event today - enjoy the holiday weekend!

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### Next Sunday, September 10, 2023: "Keep Your Heart Wide Open" with

Rev. Mary Gear

We gather for our annual water communion service, coming together again from near and far, bringing water from where we have been, looking forward to where we are going. Though the waves of change may have pushed us around, may we return with our hearts wide open.

**After-Service Event, September 10 at 11:30 am:** Come Bless the OUUC Sanctuary and Building! See the Weekly Update for more details.

**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.

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

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

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