



October Theme: Heritage

When we lie about the past, we steal from the future.

~Abigail Bengson

Sunday, October 15, 2023

“That All Souls Shall Grow Into Harmony with the Divine”

with Rev. Monica Jacobson-Tennessen

Our Unitarian Universalist heritage includes the practice of covenant – something that comes out of our religious ancestors who were Pilgrims and Puritans. What challenges, and what gifts, does this heritage offer us for our congregational life today?

Guest Speaker Bio: Rev. Monica Jacobson-Tennessen is OUUC’s consulting minister for the 2023-24 church year. She also serves Community UU Church in Pasco, Washington. Rev. Monica lives in Vancouver, WA, with her spouse, tweenager, and two mischievous Siamese cats.

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

“Oh River”
Words & Music: Karisha Longaker of MaMuse

Welcome *Anne Kohlbray (she/her)*

Lighting the Chalice *Anne Kohlbray*
with the words of Jennifer Gracen

Opening Words
adapted from the words of Rev. William Sloane Coffin

Rev. Monica Jacobson-Tennessen (she/her)

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #126 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Words: v. 1, Robert Robinson, vs. 2-3, Eugene B. Navias
Music: John Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II

Story For All *Anne Kohlbray*
adapted from the work of Alice Blair Wesley,
“First Church of Dedham, Massachusetts”

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Anne Kohlbray*

Offertory *Troy Fisher*

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart *Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)*

Prayerful Practice *Rev. Mary Gear*

Musical Response *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1011 “Return Again”
Words & Music: Shlomo Calebach

Reading *Anne Kohlbray*
from the Tapestry of Faith curriculum
“Faith Like a River: A History of Covenant”

Sermon: “That All Souls Shall Grow Into Harmony with the Divine” *Rev. Monica Jacobson-Tennessen*

Closing Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1014 “Answering The Call of Love”
Words & Music: Jason Shelton

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Invitations

Curt Hill (he/him)

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

adapted from the words of Rev. William Sloane Coffin

Rev. Monica

Jacobson-Tennessee

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- What messages have you needed to unlearn to be your fullest self?
- When have you risked something to follow the call of love?
- What metaphors do you use to describe what a congregation is? How do those help to expand—and how do they limit—what we can be and do together?

Curt Hill will lead a reflection circle in the Youth Room, so grab a beverage and join him!

After-Service Forum (11:30 am today): small group discussions with the OUUC Board of Trustees.

Today, Young Adults—roughly those ages 18-40—are invited to a Young Adult Group Lunch in classroom 3 around 11:30 am.

Next Sunday, October 22, 2023: “Yours, Mine and Ours” with Rev. Mary Gear

We speak often of shared ministry. What is the work of a minister? What is the work of a congregation? And what is our shared ministry?

Oct. 22 After-Service Forum: Volunteer Training: How to get things done at OUUC.

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. The Initiative also is 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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Book Sale news: Share the word with all your friends that our Books, Brownies, and Beans sale is coming in just two weeks—on October 28th. If you haven't volunteered for this fun and important community fundraiser, look for the BBB volunteer coordinators in the Commons after worship for help finding a job that's just right for you.

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

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

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