



October Theme: Heritage

When we lie about the past, we steal from the future. ~ Abigail Bengson

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?

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1028 “The Fire of Commitment”

Words: Mary Katherine Morn & Jason Shelton

Music: Jason Shelton

Welcome *Des McGahern (he/him)*

Lighting the Chalice *Des McGahern*

with the words of Rev. Erika Hewitt

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

adapted from the words of Rev. Nathan C. Walker

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #348 “Guide My Feet”

Words: Traditional

Music: Spiritual from the collection of Willis

Laurence James / Harmony: Wendell Whalum

Story For All
OUUC 70th Anniversary video

*Lee Doyle, Riley McLaughlin,
Tim Ransom, Emily Ray, et al*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Des McGahern*

Offertory *Troy Fisher*

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

Prayerful Practice *Rev. Mary Gear*

Musical Response *OUUC Choir*

“Like a River In My Soul”

Traditional Spiritual, Arranged: Tim Osiek /

Edited: Dan Forrest

Reading 1 *Des McGahern*

excerpt adapted from “Size Transitions in
Unitarian Universalist Congregations” published
by the Unitarian Universalist Association in 2005

Part 1: The Theory *Rev. Mary Gear*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Reading 2 *Des McGahern*

excerpt from Serving With Grace: Lay Leadership
as a Spiritual Practice by Rev. Erik Walker
Wikstrom

Part 2: The Practice *Rev. Mary Gear*

Closing Hymn *Rev. Mary Gear, Carl*

“One Voice” *Johnson, Anna Garrett, and*

Ruth Moody, arr. Marcelline Moody *the OUUC Choir*

At OUUC, masks are welcome and optional. Please join us online if you don't feel well.
Kindly put your cell phones into Airplane Mode to help us ensure a meaningful experience for all in attendance online and in-person.
Hearing assistance devices are available in the sanctuary at the tech desk.

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

with the words of Rev. Gordon B McKeeman

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- What size was OUUC when you arrived?
 - Have you ever experienced shared ministry?
 - What gifts do you bring to OUUC?
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After-Service Forum (11:30 am today): “How Do I...?” How to get things done at OUUC, Volunteer Training.

If you’ve wondered how to get announcements made or how to request things be included in the budget or how to recruit volunteers, this forum is for you.

Next Sunday, October 29, 2023: “Remembering our Heritage” with Rev. Mary Gear

At this time of year, some say that the veil between worlds is thin, and we can connect with those who have gone before us. Today, we make space to remember our ancestors as we claim our individual and collective heritage.

Oct. 29 After-Service Forum: After Church with Melanie Ransom (last show!), featuring Carol Horner

Book Sale News: share the word to all your friends that our Books, Brownies, and Beans sale is coming up on Saturday, 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.

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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Trunk or Treat returns to OUUC next Sunday, Oct. 29th, with pumpkin carving from 2-3 and trick or treating from 3-4:30 pm. This is a fun event for us, our kids, and the community at large, and to make it successful we need YOU to come park your vehicle, decorate it, and hand out candy! Start planning your costume now! Prizes will be awarded.

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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