



October Theme: Heritage

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

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.

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*
“Bright Morning Stars”
Words: Emmylou Harris
Music: American folk song, arr. Wailin’ Jennys

Welcome *Emi Allen (they/them)*

Land Acknowledgement *Emi Allen*
created by the Right Relations Team in collaboration with the Squaxin Tribal Council and with input from members of the Nisqually and Puyallup Tribes

Lighting the Chalice *Emi Allen*
with words from Mary Edes

Opening Words *Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)*
“Invoking the Past, Present and Future”
by Katie Romano Griffin

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1051 “We are...”
Words & Music: Ysaye M. Barnwell

Story For All *Anne Kohlbray (she/her)*
A Reflection on Heritage

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Emi Allen*

Offertory *Eva Gheorghiu (soprano),
Karen Gheorghiu (oboe),
Joe Sokolik (cello)*
“Try To Remember”
From the musical comedy, The Fantasticks
Words: Tom Jones / Music: Harvey Schmidt

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

Prayerful Practice *Rev. Mary Gear*

Musical Response *Eva Gheorghiu (soprano),
Karen Gheorghiu (oboe),
Joe Sokolik (cello)*
“We Remember Them”
Words: Rabbi Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer,
additional lyric, Allan Naplan / Music: Allan Naplan

Reading *Emi Allen*
excerpt from a book by Susan Beaumont titled
How To Lead When You Don’t Know Where You Are
Going: Leading in a Liminal Season

Part 1: Remembering Our Heritage *Rev. Mary Gear*

Musical Interlude *Eva Gheorghiu (soprano),
Karen Gheorghiu (oboe),
Joe Sokolik (cello)*
“We Remember Them” continued

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Part 2: Ritual of Remembrance

with thanks to Rev. Christine Robinson and
Soulful Sundown

Rev. Mary Gear

Closing Hymn

Hymn #1001 "Breaths"

Words: Adapted from poem by Birago Diop

Music: Ysaye M. Barnwell

Troy Fisher

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

with the words of Thomas Rhodes

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- Would you like to share who or what you are remembering today?
- What family or other stories do you want to be remembered?

After-Service Forum (11:30 am today): After Church with Melanie Ransom (last show!), featuring Carol Horner

Next Sunday, November 5, 2023: "Generous Accountability" with Rev. Mary Gear

Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal faith, meaning that we don't tell each other what to believe but we agree on how we will be together. We create covenants and hold each other accountable to them. In this month when we explore the spiritual theme of generosity, what does it mean to be generous in our accountability?

Nov. 5 After-Service Forum: Creating a Timeline of OUUC's History and Heritage

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.

Today is the day for Trunk and Treat at OUUC! There's pumpkin carving from 2-3 (bring your own pumpkin) and trick or treating from 3-4:30 pm; both in the parking lot. This is a fun event for us, our kids, and the community at large. To make it successful we need YOU to come park your vehicle, decorate it, and hand out candy! Prizes will be awarded.

A big thank you to everyone who participated in Books, Brownies, and Beans this weekend! Much gratitude for your service to our community.

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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