



October Theme: Heritage

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

~Abigail Bengson

Sunday, October 8, 2023

“A Tapestry of Accountability”

with roddy bell-shelton biggs

As Unitarian Universalists, we are called to be the weavers of a Tapestry of people. To be such weavers takes courage. Join us as we explore how being the weavers of such a tapestry might transform our faith, community, and ourselves. Where might we still need some work, and where might we find the courage to continue the work?

Guest Speaker Bio: roddy bell-shelton biggs (lowercase preferred), who uses they/them pronouns, is a queer, BIPOC, non-binary seminarian, and aspiring Public Theologian. They were born in East Tennessee and raised in the Presbyterian Church. After coming out as queer, roddy did not feel welcomed or supported by the church and decided to leave the church and religion behind them. However, that is not the case now, as roddy found a new love of church and religion years later when they discovered our Unitarian Universalist faith. Today, roddy owns the Christian faith of their childhood with new light and the spiritualities of their ancestors, and they are grounded in Unitarian Universalist faith communities by choice.

Prelude

Troy Fisher (he/him)

Morning Song

Troy Fisher

Hymn #1068 “Rising Green”

Words & Music: Carolyn McDade, arr. Jim Scott

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Welcome

Alicia Seegers Martinelli
(she/her)

Lighting the Chalice

“Give Thanks, Feel Alive, Know Love”

by Leia Durland-Jones

Alicia Seegers Martinelli

Opening Words

“Pushing Forward”

by Elandia Williams

roddy biggs (they/them)

Opening Hymn

Troy Fisher

Hymn #1029 “Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear”

Words & Music: Daniel Charles Damon

Story For All

Rev. Sara Lewis

“The Case of the Stolen Cookies”

by Aaron McEmrys

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate Offering

Alicia Seegers Martinelli

Offertory

Troy Fisher

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart

Rev. Sara Lewis

Prayerful Practice

Rev. Sara Lewis

Musical Response

OUUC Choir

“What Is Peace?” from Tuvayhun - Beatitudes for a Wounded World / Words: Charles Anthony Sylvestri / Music: Kim Andre Arnesen

Sermon: “A Tapestry of Accountability”

roddy biggs

Closing Hymn

Hymn #1014 "Answering The Call of Love"

Words & Music: Jason Shelton

Troy Fisher

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

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Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- How do you understand accountability?
 - Does the image or metaphor of weaving a tapestry of people or tapestry of faith have meaning for you?
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After-Service Forum (11:30 am today): guest speaker presentation and discussion on the history and environmental issues of the Port of Olympia, sponsored by our Environmental Action Team (EAT)

Next Sunday, October 15, 2023: Rev. Monica Jacobson Tennesen

"That All Souls Shall Grow Into Harmony with the Divine"

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?

Oct. 15 After-Service Forum: with the OUUC Board

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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Book Sale news: This is the last week to bring your book donations to OUUC. October 15th is the deadline. We also need donations of grocery bags for the sale day. Bring both books and bags to classroom 4 in the RE wing.

Save the Date! Trunk and Treat at OUUC on Sunday October 29, 3:00-4:30 pm. Youth Pumpkin Carving time 2:00-3:00 pm. If you are able to bring your decorated car, wear a costume, and hand out candy, we need YOU to make this event successful! You can win a cool prize! RSVP to Rev. Sara (dre@ouuc.org).

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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