

Celebration of Life for

*Janet Louise Hunt Darwes*

MAY 30, 1932 - JUNE 9, 2023



*Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation*

11:30 AM • SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 25, 2023



Celebration of Life

*Prelude*

Troy Fisher

*Welcome and  
Lighting the Chalice*

Rev. Mary Gear

*Musical Interlude*

Troy Fisher

*A Life Remembered*

Rev. Mary Gear

Janine Gates

*Musical Interlude*

Troy Fisher



*Images of a Life Remembered*

Thank you to Eric Dawes  
for creating this tribute to Janet.

*A Time for Sharing*

*Reading:*

*A Reflection from Janet Dawes*

Rev. Mary Gear



*Closing Words and  
Extinguishing the Chalice*

Rev. Mary Gear

*Postlude*

Troy Fisher

**Everyone is welcome for a  
Reception in the Commons.**



*A poem selected by Janet,  
from "On Wings of Light"  
by Joan Borysenko and Joan Drescher*

Once upon a time  
love erupted with a mighty roar.  
A ball of living, breathing light exploded into a universe  
of fire and ice, suns and moons, plants and animals, you and me.  
Since that first moment love has known itself  
and expanded itself through us.  
Our joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, our dissolution in night's soft womb  
and re-creation in the morning's song are reflections of the divine love  
that plays its infinite melodies on the tender strings of our hearts.  
The notes of anguish, exultation and anger, delight, pain and grace  
unite in a sacred harmony when we remember  
that behind all appearances;  
beyond the illusion of separateness  
We are One.

In that remembering  
we can rejoice in our divine birthright  
as children of love's first light.  
Come and let us remember together.

