



November Theme: Generosity

We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.

~ author unknown

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?

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1013 “Open My Heart”

Words & Music: Henry S. Flurry

Welcome *Liz Clement (she/they)*

Lighting the Chalice *Liz Clement*

“The Abundance of Our Lives Together”

by Katie Sivani Gelfand

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

from the January 2023 report of the Article II Study

Commission of the Unitarian Universalist

Association

Opening Hymn

Troy Fisher

Hymn #1008 “When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place”

Words & Music: Joyce Poley,

keyboard arr. Lorne Kellett

Story For All

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)

“Too Much of A Good Thing” by Aaron McEmrys

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate Offering

Liz Clement

Offertory

OUUC Choir

“That’s What Friends Are For”

Words & Music: Burt Bacharach & Carol Bayer Sager

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart

Rev. Mary Gear

Prayerful Practice

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Response

OUUC Choir

Credo

The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass

Words & Music: Carol Barnett

Reading 1

Liz Clement

from “Dreaming Accountability” by Mia Mingus

Part 1: Accountability

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Reading 2

Liz Clement

from “How To Give a Good Apology” by Mia Mingus

Part 2: Generous Accountability

Rev. Mary Gear

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Closing Hymn

Troy Fisher

Hymn #118 “This Little Light of Mine”

Words & music: African American spiritual,
harmony by Horace Clarence Boyer

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Mary Gear

with the words of James Morison

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- How do you understand accountability?
- When have you experienced accountability?
- Has your understanding shifted?

After-Service Forum: Creating a Timeline of OUUC’s History and Heritage, with
Rev. Mary and the Healthy Congregations Team

No matter how long you have been a part of OUUC, come to add your
memories of significant events at OUUC at 11:30 AM today in the sanctuary
and on Zoom.

Next Sunday, November 12, 2023: “Accountable Generosity” with Rev. Mary Gear

We’ll explore the difference between charity, service, and justice, and ask
what it means to be accountable in our generosity.

Nov. 12 After-Service Forum: with Faith Action Network’s Kristin Ang

Share the Plate Offering: Our Share the Plate organization for November and
December is The Olympia Coalition for Ecosystems Preservation, or
OlyEcosystems (<https://olyecosystems.org/>). Offerings from Share the Plate will
support building steps, for people to witness restoration and re-growth in the
Cooper Crest Preserve. Here's what they share:

The Olympia Coalition for Ecosystems Preservation (OlyEcosystems) is an
all-volunteer conservation organization. It focuses on protecting,
preserving, and restoring important habitat in Olympia and areas of
important habitat connectivity with ecosystems in Olympia.

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.

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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