



November Theme: Generosity

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

~ author unknown

Sunday, November 12, 2023

“Accountable Generosity”

with Rev. Mary Gear

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

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1021 “Lean on Me”

Words & Music: Bill Withers

Welcome *Curt Hill (he/him)*

Lighting the Chalice *Curt Hill*

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

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1027 “Cuando el Pobre” (When the Poor Ones)

Words: Martin A. Seltz

Music: Jose Antonio Olivar and Miguel Manzano

OUUC and Faith Action Network

*Rev. Mary Gear and
Kristin Ang (she/her)*

Story For All

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)

Babies in the river story - a parable, author unknown

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate Offering

Curt Hill

Offertory

“We Are One”

Words & Music: Brian Tate

OUUC Choir

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart

Rev. Mary Gear

Prayerful Practice

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Response

“The Psalm 23”

(To My Mother)

Music: Bobby McFerrin

OUUC Choir

Reading 1

from Decolonizing Wealth: Indigenous Wisdom to
Heal Divides and Restore Balance by Edgar Villanueva

Curt Hill

Part 1: Charity, Service, and Justice

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Reading 2

from the January 2023 report of the Article II Study
Commission of the Unitarian Universalist Association

Curt Hill

Part 2: Accountable Generosity

Rev. Mary Gear

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Closing Hymn

Hymn #131 "Love Will Guide Us"

Words: Sally Rogers

Music: Traditional, arr. by Betty A. Wylder

Troy Fisher

Invitations

Curt Hill

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

with the words of John C. Morgan

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- What are your thoughts about charity and justice?
- What is your experience with accountability?
- Do you think accountable generosity is possible?

Curt Hill will lead a reflection circle in the Youth Room just after the service, so grab a beverage and join him!

After-Service Forum (11:30 am today): with Kristin Ang, Policy Engagement Director for the Faith Action Network, a statewide multifait h advocacy organization, of which OUUC is a member. Come to learn about this work for justice and the common good, and how we can all be part of it. We'll hear about how we can put our faith into action in the upcoming legislative session.

Find more details on these and other announcements in the Weekly Update:

<https://www.ouuc.org/who-we-are/publications/weekly-update/>

Next Sunday, November 19, 2023: "Walking in the Footsteps of our Ancestors" with Rev. Adel Ngay and the (Kissolymos, Romania) Partner Church Team

November is the month when many remember our loved ones who have passed away. The 1st of November is the day of the dead in Transylvania and a great occasion for every individual to remember their family members. But it is also the month of remembering our Unitarian ancestors. Francis David the founder and first bishop died in mid November. What do they teach us? How do we walk in their footsteps?

Nov. 19 After-Service Forum (11:30 am): Volunteer Training on Multigenerational Community

Service for Trans Day of Remembrance: Sunday, November 19, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, offered at OUUC in partnership with Olympia Trans Family. Please join us for this honoring of our trans community.

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.

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.

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