



November Theme: Generosity

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

~ author unknown

Sunday, November 26, 2023

“Guest At Your Table: Pursuing Liberation”

with Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto and Rev. Mary Gear

The alarming rise of fascism, authoritarianism, and nationalism in the United States and in many places around the world is putting the lives of people, and the sustainability of the planet, in critical danger. We join the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) in their outreach to grassroots partners in communities the world over on the path toward justice and liberation for all.

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1016 “Profetiza, Pueblo Mio”

(Prophesy, Oh My People)

Words & Music: Rosa Martha Zarate Macias,
arr. Ken Herman, English trans. Elsie Zala

Welcome *Anne Radford (she/her)*

Lighting the Chalice *Anne Radford*

with the words of Katie Sivani Gelfand

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

“Out of the Flames” by Rev. Sara Eileen LaWall

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #151 “I Wish I Knew How”

Words & Music: Billy Taylor and Dick Dallas

Arr. by Mary Allen Walden

Story For All *Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)*

“Sophia’s Guest” by Becky Brooks

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Anne Radford*

Offertory *Marcel Gustafson and*

“O Bella Ciao” *(Goodbye Beautiful)*

Anti-fascist Italian folk song

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

Prayerful Practice *Rev. Mary Gear*

Musical Response *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1007 “There’s a River Flowin’ in My Soul”

Words & Music: Rose Sanders, arr. Kenny Smith

Reading *Anne Radford*

“To the people who have mistaken freedom for liberation” by Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Sermon: “Pursuing Liberation” *Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto*

(they/them)

Closing Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #323 “Break Not the Circle”

Words: Fred Kaan / Music: Thomas Benjamin

At OUUC, masks are welcome and optional. Please join us online if you don’t feel well.
Kindly put your cell phones into Airplane Mode to help us ensure a meaningful experience for all in attendance online and in-person.
Hearing assistance devices are available in the sanctuary at the tech desk.

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice
with the words of the Guest at Your Table Committee

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- Who is at your table this weekend, in body or in spirit?
 - Can you imagine liberation for all?
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No After-Service Forum today - enjoy the rest of your weekend!

Next Sunday, December 3, 2023: “Transforming Conflict” with Rev. Mary Gear

There are many ways to address conflict—avoid it, deny it, suppress it, manage it. We begin our reflection on the monthly spiritual theme of “transformation” by exploring how conflict can be transformed and transformative.

Dec. 3 After-Service Forum (11:30 am): Revisiting the OUUC Behavioral Covenant with Rev. Mary Gear and the Healthy Congregations Team

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

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

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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Making a Gift to Guest at Your Table: Donations to Guest at Your Table help advance community-led human rights initiatives around the world. Donations of \$150 or more are eligible to be matched by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, NY.

- Boxes and donation envelopes will be available to pick up in the Commons. Please return your donations to OUUC by Jan 7th.
- To donate online, please use this secure donation page: <https://uusc.org/givetoguest>
- To donate by mail, please make checks out to “UUSC” with “Guest” or “GAYT” in the memo field, and it send to: UUSC • PO Box 808 • Newark, NJ 07101-0808

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