



December Theme: Transformation

You can't have a physical transformation until you have a spiritual transformation.

~ Corey Booker

Sunday, December 10, 2023

"At This Point on the Journey"

with the Adult Coming of Age Class:

jasper Ilee, Woody Moore, Josie Solseng, and Janet Spencer

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #224 "Let Christmas Come"

Words: John Hanly Morgan / Music: English melody,
adapt. and harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome *Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)
and Rev. Mary Gear
(she/her)*

Lighting the Chalice *Rev. Sara Lewis*
with words adapted from Ray Bradbury and Jamie
Dorer

Lighting the Second Advent Candle *Rev. Mary Gear and
Rev. Sara Lewis*
with words from Rev. Erika Hewitt and from
Pema Chödrön, a Buddhist nun

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Opening Words
by Susan Morrison Hebble

Rev. Mary Gear

Opening Hymn

Troy Fisher

Hymn #298 "Wake Now, My Senses"

Word: Thomas J.S. Mikelson / Music: Traditional
Irish melody, harmony by Carlton R. Young

Story for All: *Rev. Sara Lewis*
"Our Life Journeys" by Rev. Sara Lewis

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Rev. Sara Lewis*

Offertory *Marcus Gustafson and
Troy Fisher*
"Szekely Aldas"
Words: Traditional Transylvanian
Music: Elizabeth H. Norton

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

Prayerful Practice *Rev. Mary Gear*

Musical Response *Troy Fisher*
Hymn #1003 "Where Do We Come From?"
Words: Paul Gaugin & Brian Tate / Music: Brian Tate

What is "Coming of Age"? *Rev. Sara Lewis*

Credos, Part 1 *jasper Ilee (she/her) and
Woody Moore (he/him)*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Credos, Part 2 *Josie Solseng (she/her) and
Janet Spencer (she/her)*

At OUUC, masks are welcome and optional. Please join us online if you don't feel well.
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Closing Hymn

Troy Fisher

Hymn #389 "Gathered Here"

Words & Music: Philip A. Porter

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Mary Gear

with the words of Darcy Roake

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- How has your life journey shaped you so far?
- At this snapshot point in your life, what are the big questions you wrestle with?

After-Service Forum (11:30 am today): about our statewide Unitarian Universalist justice organization, JUUSTICE Washington, with JUUSTICE's president Deb Cruz

Cookie Sale: Today is the day to get your holiday cookie boxes! After the service, stop by the Cookie Brigade table in the Commons to pick up your box of regular or gluten free cookies. \$20 a box. All funds raised go to the Kitchen Fund, which provides coffee and hospitality all year long. Help the Cookie Brigade spread joy with butter and sugar!

Next Sunday, December 17, 2023: "What Carries Us" with Rev. Monica Jacobson-Tennessen

In times of change and transformation, from the personal to the global, it's easy to feel overwhelmed and lost in all that is happening. Let's acknowledge that change is often uncomfortable, and then ask: what is it that we can hold on to in such times to help ourselves meet what comes next?

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/>).

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. Offerings from Share the Plate will support building steps, for people to witness restoration and re-growth, in the Cooper Crest Preserve.

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.

Choir Concerts: Saturday, December 16 at 2:00 pm and Sunday, December 17 at 7:00 pm, *We Remember Them... "A Requiem"* will be presented by the OUUC Choir and Guest Orchestra under the direction of Troy Arnold Fisher. Featuring the music of: Leonard Bernstein, Paul Basler, Daniel E Gawthrop, Bobby McFerrin, Carol Barnett, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Kim Andre Arensen.

Even more Holiday services, events, and special giving opportunities! You can find a summary here: <https://www.ouuc.org/holiday-services-and-events/>

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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