



December Theme: Transformation

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

~ Corey Booker

Sunday, December 10, 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?

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #221 "Light One Candle"

Words & Music: Peter Yarrow, arr. by Betty A. Wylder

Welcome *Alicia Seegers
Martinelli (she/her)*

Lighting the Chalice *Alicia Seegers
Martinelli*

Lighting the Third Advent Candle *Rev. Sara Lewis
(she/her)*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Opening Words
from Amy McKenzie Quinn

*Rev. Monica Jacobson-
Tennessen (she/her)*

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #361 "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

Words & Music: Louise Ruspini, arr. by Betty A. Wylder

Reflection on the Theme of Transformation *Alicia Seegers
Martinelli*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Alicia Seegers
Martinelli*

Offertory *Troy Fisher*

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart *Rev. Sara Lewis*

Prayerful Practice *Rev. Sara Lewis*

Musical Response *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1063 "Winter Solstice Chant"

Words & Music: Phillip Palmer, arr. Jeannie Gagne

Reading 1 *Alicia Seegers
Martinelli*

from "So Many Little Deaths" by Rev. Carl Scovel

Sermon, Part 1 *Rev. Monica Jacobson-
Tennessen*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Reading 2 *Alicia Seegers
Martinelli*

"Shoulders" by Naomi Shihab Nye

Sermon, Part 2 *Rev. Monica Jacobson-
Tennessen*

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Closing Hymn

Troy Fisher

Hymn #6 "Just as Long as I Have Breath"

Words: Alicia S. Carpenter / Music: Johann G. Ebeling,
harmony rev. by John Edwin Giles

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

with the words of Kent McKusick

Rev. Monica Jacobson-
Tennessee

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- Where do you notice yearning in your life right now, and what is it pointing you toward?
 - What is your relationship to transformation?
 - How have you noticed the expression of care recently, giving or receiving?
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No After-Service Forum today - enjoy your afternoon.

Choir Concert: Today 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.

Find a summary of all Holiday services, events, and special giving opportunities 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/>

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.
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Next Sunday, December 24, 2023: We'll host *three* (3) services! Children are welcome at worship. No nursery care is provided for the evening services.

10 AM: "Holiday Stories and Songs" with Rev. Mary Gear & Rev. Sara Lewis

On this Christmas Eve morning, we'll celebrate the season with songs and stories of the winter holidays. Onsite and online as usual.

5:30 PM: "Silent Night: A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service" with the OUUC Choir, onsite and online

9 PM: "Silent Night: A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service" with guest musicians, onsite only

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