



### January Theme: Love

*Joy is the gift of love. Grief is the price of love.  
Anger is the force that protects that which is loved.*

~ Valerie Kaur

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**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

**“What is Hope?”**

with Rev. Mary Gear

The Christian Bible says that the three gifts of the Spirit are faith, hope, and love. We draw on the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to explore the gift of hope and how we hold hope in hard times.

**Prelude** *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

**Morning Song** *OUUC Choir*

“Lead With Love”

Words & Music: Melanie DeMore

**Welcome** *Curt Hill (he/him)*

**Lighting the Chalice** *Curt Hill*

with the words of Rev. Joseph Cherry

**Opening Words** *Rev. Mary Gear*

“Know only that you are loved” by Rev. Gretchen Haley *(she/her)*

**Opening Hymn** *Troy Fisher*

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

Words & Music: Joyce Poley, keyboard arr. Lorne Kellett

**Reflection on Hope** *Curt Hill*

**Musical Interlude** *Troy Fisher*

**Share the Plate Offering** *Curt Hill*

**Offertory** *OUUC Choir*

“Lead With Love”

Words & Music: Melanie DeMore

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

**Prayerful Practice** *Rev. Mary Gear*

**Musical Response** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #1060 “As We Sing of Hope and Joy”**

Words & Music: Elizabeth Alexander

**Reading** *Curt Hill*

by Dr. Jane Goodall

**Part 1: On Hope** *Rev. Mary Gear*

**Musical Interlude** *Troy Fisher*

**Reading** *Curt Hill*

from All About Love by bell hooks

**Part 2: Hope and Love** *Rev. Mary Gear*

**Closing Hymn** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #131 “Love Will Guide Us”**

Words: Sally Rogers

Music: Traditional, arr. by Betty A. Wylder

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## Invitation

*Curt Hill*

## Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

“Hope Continues” by Rev. Kevin Jagoe

*Rev. Mary Gear*

## Postlude

*Troy Fisher*

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### Reflection questions:

- When have you experienced hope? (Or have you ever?)
- Is there anything or anyone that gives you hope now?

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

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**After-Service Forum (11:30 am today):** “Investing in Our Values” with the Faith in Action team

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**Next Sunday, January 21, 2023:** “Labors of Love” with Rev. Sara Lewis

How do love and work intertwine and can we ever pay for love?

**Jan. 21 After-Service Forum:** Volunteer Training on Safety Issues with Rev. Sara

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**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 January and February is the Medical Equipment Bank.

The mission of the Medical Equipment Bank is to receive donated medical equipment and supplies, and provide them to seniors, their families and individuals with disabilities who cannot afford to purchase on their own. The Equipment Bank provides support and equipment to individuals as they move toward building physical and mental strength, independence and overall well being so they can remain in their homes.

The Medical Equipment Bank is completely supported by volunteers, donated equipment, supplies, grants and cash donations. Donations are gratefully accepted as a way to "pay it forward."

If you write a check, please note "pledge" if it is a pledge payment. Other donations will benefit the Share the Plate program. ***Please note our new address and update your online billpay services as needed.***

- Checks can be mailed to OUUC at: 2306 East End 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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