



### 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 21, 2024**

**“Labors of Love”**

with Rev. Sara Lewis

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

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

**Morning Song** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #346 “Come, Sing a Song with Me”**

Words & Music: Carolyn McDade

**Welcome** *Curtis Tanner (he/him)*

**Lighting the Chalice** *Curtis Tanner*

“Little Flame” by Kathryn Estey

**Opening Words** *Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)*

“A Place of Belonging and Caring”

by Rev. Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson

**Opening Hymn** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #95 “There Is More Love Somewhere”**

Words & Music: African American hymn

### Story For All

The Wooden Bowl, a traditional story from Italy

*Rev. Sara Lewis*

### Musical Interlude

*Troy Fisher*

### Share the Plate Offering

*Curtis Tanner*

### Offertory

“What Wondrous Love”

[As performed by Chelsea Moon]

Words: Connie Campbell Hart

Music: American folk hymn

*Karen Gheorghiu and*

*Marcel Gustafson*

### Ritual of Sharing From the Heart

*Rev. Sara Lewis*

### Prayerful Practice

*Rev. Sara Lewis*

### Musical Response

**Hymn #1002 “Comfort Me”**

Words & Music: Mimi Bornstein Doble

*Troy Fisher*

### Reading

from “Please Don’t Call My Job a Calling”

by Simone Stolzoff

*Curtis Tanner*

### Part 1: The Love of Labor

*Rev. Sara Lewis*

### Musical Interlude

*Troy Fisher*

### Reading

The Labor of Our Days by Jennifer Willet

*Curtis Tanner*

### Part 2: The Labor of Love

*Rev. Sara Lewis*

### Closing Hymn

**Hymn #323 “Break Not the Circle”**

Words: Fred Kaan / Music: Thomas Benjamin

*Troy Fisher*

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**Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice**  
"Be True, Be Well, Be Loving" by Cynthia Landrum

Rev. Sara Lewis

**Postlude**

Troy Fisher

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**Reflection questions:**

- Who has cared for you and who have you cared for? What does your circle of interdependent care look like?
- How can love and care be incorporated into our understanding of our economy and ecology?

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**After-Service Forum (11:30 am today):** All OUUC Training on Safety with Rev. Sara Lewis and the Safety Team

How would we respond to various safety scenarios at OUUC? Where are the first aid kits? How do we evacuate the building? What do we do if there is a missing or lost child?

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**Next Sunday, January 28, 2023:** "What Does Faith Mean?" with Rev. Mary Gear

The Christian Bible says that the three gifts of the Spirit are faith, hope, and love. We explore the last of these by asking what faith means for Unitarian Universalists.

**Jan. 28 After-Service Forum:** Board Sunday

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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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