



February Theme: Justice

"Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public." ~ Cornel West

Sunday, February 11, 2024

"If Not Now"

with Carrie Newcomer and Gary Walters

We explore the spiritual theme of "Justice" with original music and spoken word meditation offered by the artist.

Prelude Gary Walters (*he/him*)

Welcome Liz Clement (*she/they*)

Song: "Sanctuary" Carrie Newcomer
Words & Music: Carrie Newcomer (*she/her*) & Gary Walters

Lighting the Chalice Liz Clement
with the words of civil rights leader John Lewis

Song: "Lean in Toward the Light" Carrie Newcomer & Gary Walters
Words & Music: Carrie Newcomer

Opening Words Rev. Mary Gear
"Justice is Our Prayer" by Rev. Rebekah Savage (*she/her*)

Musical Interlude Gary Walters

Story For All Carrie Newcomer

"Northwest Wonder"
by A Beautiful Gathering of Spirits

Song: "Singing in the Dark" Carrie Newcomer & Gary Walters
Words & Music: Carrie Newcomer & John McCutcheon

Share the Plate Offering Liz Clement

Offertory Carrie Newcomer & Gary Walters
"Stones in the River"

Words & Music: Carrie Newcomer

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart Rev. Mary Gear

Prayerful Practice Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Response Gary Walters

Poem 1 Rev. Mary Gear

"What You Won't Hear on Cable News"
by Carrie Newcomer

Musical Interlude Gary Walters

Poem 2 Liz Clement

"When Things Come Together"
by Carrie Newcomer

Song: "If Not Now" Carrie Newcomer & Gary Walters
Words & Music: Carrie Newcomer

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice Rev. Mary Gear

"Building the Justice We Long For" by Rev. Scott Tayler,
inspired by and with use of the words of John Schaar

Postlude Gary Walters

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.

Reflection questions:

- What memories do you have of music, and of singing, in the justice movements in your lifetime?
 - Did that music impact your experience? How? Why?
 - What do you want today's young justice activists and future generations to know about the work for justice in your lifetime?
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Today's After-Service Forum: Special event with our Anti-Racism Team, including a light lunch at 11:30 am for those onsite, a screening of the powerful documentary film **"Since I Been Down"** at noon (both in person and on our regular Sunday Morning Worship zoom link), and a community conversation with the film's director following the movie.

Next Sunday, February 18, 2023:

"When Justice Starts with Just Us" with Rev. Monica Jacobson-Tennessen

It's sometimes said that the solution to despair about the world is to find a small, often local way to make a difference for the better. In the same vein, as our justice-making efforts call us to challenge systems of oppression, we can find spiritual sustenance in our roots. Rev. Monica will share about the practice of "ancestral recovery" – reconstructing, as best we can, what life was like for our ancestors so we can find our own stories inside the larger history. Our legacies can help us find past wrongs to address, and give us connections to others who have worked for justice in the past.

Feb. 18 After-Service Forum: All Volunteer Training/Workshop on how to host hybrid Zoom events and reserve & use OUUC equipment (e.g., TV carts, Meeting Owl) with Dr. Teresa Madsen & Rev. Sara Lewis - bring your own laptop or other device for hands-on tech support if possible!

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.

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: 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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Save the Date for our summer chalice camp, "Building a New Way," July 15-19th: Camp is open to all ages 5-10 with a pay-what-you-can donation. Feel free to spread the word to all who might be interested.

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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