



February Theme: Justice

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

Sunday, February 25, 2024
“Singing of Honor and Glory”
with Phoenix bell-shelton biggs

Drawing inspiration from Revelation 5:13, where every creature in heaven and on earth proclaims praise and honor to the Lamb, and Judges 5:4-5, which speaks of the righteous singing to the Lord, we’re invited to explore the profound connection between worship and divine glory. In a world filled with turmoil, we’ll uncover the power of song as a spiritual weapon and a path to unity. We’ll delve into the eternal anthem echoing through the heavens and its relevance in our lives today.

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1024 “When the Spirit Says Do”

Words & Music: African-American spiritual, civil rights period, arr. Mark Freundt

Welcome *Anne Kohlbray (she/her)*

Lighting the Chalice *Anne Kohlbray*
with the words of Marnie Singer

Opening Words *Phoenix biggs (they/them)*

Opening Hymn

Hymn #170 “We Are a Gentle, Angry People”

Words & Music: Holly Near, arr. by Patrick L. Rickey

Story For All

“A Hymn to the Stars” (based on an article by Yaël Nazé, adapted by Rev. Sara) and video “Webb Telescope Data, Translated to Sound — Southern Ring Nebula,” Credits: Image: NASA, ESA, CSA, and STScI; Accessibility Production: NASA, ESA, CSA, STScI, and Kimberly Arcand (CXC/SAO), Matt Russo and Andrew Santaguida (SYSTEM Sounds), Quyen Hart (STScI), Claire Blome (STScI), and Christine Malec (consultant)

Musical Interlude

Share the Plate Offering

Offertory

“For This Joy”

Words: Charles Anthony Silvestri / Music: “Lobe Den Herren,” Arranged: Susan LaBarr

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart

Prayerful Practice

adapted from “The Pulse of Life” by Jennifer Johnson

Musical Response

“Sweet Crushed Angel/My Funny Valentine”

Sweet Crushed Angel - Words: 14th-century Persian poet, Hafiz, trans. Daniel Ladinsky / Music: Craig Hella Johnson

My Funny Valentine - Words: Lorenz Hart / Music: Richard Rodgers, arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Reading

“Community Means Strength” from [Dreaming the Dark: Magic, Sex, and Politics](#) by Starhawk

Troy Fisher

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)

Troy Fisher

Anne Kohlbray

*OUUC Choir
with Linda Gerard
on clarinet*

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)

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*OUUC Choir
with soloists -
Alice Henderson
and Anna Garrett*

Anne Kohlbray

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Sermon, Part 1	<i>Phoenix biggs</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Sermon, Part 2	<i>Phoenix biggs</i>
Closing Hymn	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Hymn #1040 “Hush” Words & Music: African - American spiritual, slavery period, arr. Jason Shelton	
Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
with the words of Maggie Lovins	
Tribute to Darlene Sarkela	<i>Melanie Ransom, Arlene Colerick, & Lee Doyle</i>
Postlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>

Reflection questions:

- How might you provide care for someone in need of healing this week?
 - Was there a moment in today’s service that reminded you of a time someone provided care for you? How was that care grounded in radical Love?
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There is no after-service forum at 11:30 today. Instead, please plan to stay for the retirement party for OUUC’s long-time administrator, Darlene Sarkela.

Next Sunday, March 3, 2024: “Stories of Transformation” with Rev. Mary Gear

The invitation to be part of a faith community is an invitation to transformation. Today we share stories of transformation at OUUC.

Mar. 3 After-Service Forum with the OUUC Board on Stewardship

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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Take a Leap of Faith this Thursday, February 29: Starting at 5:30 PM, the Community Dinner will be hosted by the OUUC Board of Trustees, with soup, salad, and homemade breads. After the dinner, please stay for a special presentation of music and storytelling about faith, risk, and OUUC. You can also join online at 6:30 pm - look for the link on the website or in the Tuesday update. This Leap Day celebration is the official launch of the 2024-25 Stewardship Pledge Drive. Come Support All that We Love at OUUC!

OUUC will offer the Our Whole Lives program for Kindergarten and 1st grade as a summer camp, July 8th to 12th. The camp is open to all, with a pay-what-you-can sliding scale. Registration will open soon on our website. Spread the word to families you know!

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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