



### March Theme: Equity

*“When we identify where our privilege intersects with somebody else's oppression,  
we'll find our opportunities to make real change.”*

~ Ijeoma Oluo

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**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**“Question Box Service”**

with Rev. Mary Gear

Back by popular demand, Rev. Mary explores your questions and wonderings. Congregants were invited to email her in advance with their theological, philosophical, or spiritual questions, and you'll also have the opportunity to send in last-minute questions during the service today.

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

**Morning Song** *Troy Fisher*  
**“Lead With Love”**  
Words & Music: Melanie DeMore

**Welcome** *Anne Radford (she/her)*

**Lighting the Chalice** *Anne Radford*  
with the words of Howard Thurman

**Opening Words** *Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)*  
“You Are Never Alone” by Sharon Wylie

**Opening Hymn** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #1014 “Answering the Call of Love”**

Words & Music: Jason Shelton

**Introducing the Sabbatical Committee** *Anne Radford*

**Musical Interlude** *Troy Fisher*

**Stewardship Testimonial** *Curt Hill (he/him)*

**Musical Interlude** *Troy Fisher*

**Share the Plate Offering** *Anne Radford*

**Offertory** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #402 “From You I Receive”**

Words: Horace Westwood / Music: Lowell Mason

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

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

**Musical Response** *OUUC Choir with*  
“The Wisdom of the Moon” *Soprano solo:*  
Text: Jan Richardson / Music: Susan LaBarr *Mary McCann*

**Reading** *Anne Radford*  
from Letters to a Young Poet, by Rainer Maria Rilke,  
translated and adapted by Stephen Mitchell

**Question Box Sermon** *Rev. Mary Gear*

**Closing Hymn** *Troy Fisher*  
**Hymn #1057 “Go Lifted Up”**  
Words & Music: Mortimer B. Barron

**Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice** *Rev. Mary Gear*  
with words adapted from Ma Theresa Gustilo Gallardo

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**Reflection questions:**

- What questions are you living right now?
  - Was there a question (or answer) from today that stays with you?
  - How might you answer that question?
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**Today's After-Service Forum (11:30 AM):** Faith in Action forum exploring welcome, inclusion, support, and justice for transgender and nonbinary folks, with Rev. Sara Lewis and Isaac Jennings.

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**Next Sunday, March 17, 2024:** "Good Enough" with Rev. Sara Lewis

When perfect isn't possible and we are surrounded by choices and options, how do we decide what is good enough? When do we know that we are good enough?

**Mar. 17 After-Service Forum:** with the Sabbatical Committee

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**All Ages Board Games night this coming Thursday** at 6:30 pm following the community dinner. Bring a board game you'd like to share or try one that someone else brought. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Sara.

**The Stewardship Drive is off and running—or leaping as we take a Leap of Faith!**

As of Friday, there are 75 pledges committing to \$238,724. Thank you to those who have pledged so far! And if you have not yet, you can visit the Stewardship table in the Commons after the service or visit the website:

<https://www.ouuc.org/giving/pledging/>

**Share the Plate Offering:** Our Share the Plate organization for March and April is the Hawk Foundation.

The Hawk Foundation for Research and Education in African Culture dedicates itself to the promotion of education, holistic health and trauma healing in the African American community, with recognition that when one is healed it touches those around them. The Hawk provides African and African American music and history education for their various Thurston County School partners. Also, they provide evidence based African drum facilitation with juvenile detention centers.

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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**Introduction to Grief Ritual workshop on Sunday, March 24, 1:30 - 4:30pm** at OUUC. This will be led by Peter Jabin, a spiritual director and grief counselor, and Siena Tenisci, a therapist. This is an opportunity to practice how we transform grief in all areas of our life and world. For more information and to register, visit the website: <https://www.ouuc.org/grief-workshop-3-24/>

**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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