



### 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 24, 2024**

### **“Orthopathy: Right Suffering in The Great Unravelling”**

with Peter Jabin and Rev. Mary Gear

If we are to know anything of resilience or hope as humanity collectively collides with the climate crisis, it is essential that we remember the central importance of grief for the human soul and recover the lost art of grieving. Moreover, we need to expand the embrace of our compassion such that the more-than-human becomes fully grievable. This service will be a meditation, in poetry and reflection, on these ideas, and will provide a global context for the afternoon's grief workshop.

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

**Morning Song** *Troy Fisher*

#### **“Oh River”**

Words & Music: Karisha Longaker

**Welcome** *Liz Clement (she/they)*

**Lighting the Chalice** *Liz Clement*

“Chalice Lighting on Thresholds” by Florence Kaplow

**Opening Words** *Peter Jabin (he/him)*

adapted from “Lament with the Earth”

by The Many / BTS Center

**Opening Hymn** *Troy Fisher*

#### **Hymn #163 “For the Earth Forever Turning”**

Words & Music: Kim Oler, arr. by Nick Page

**Stewardship Testimonial** *Allyx Steffens (they/them)*

**Musical Interlude** *Troy Fisher*

**Share the Plate Offering** *Liz Clement*

**Offertory** *Troy Fisher*

#### **Hymn #402 “From You I Receive”**

Words & Music: Joseph and Nathan Segal

**Ritual of Sharing From the Heart** *Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)*

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

**Musical Response** *OUUC Choir with*

#### **“Underneath the Stars”**

Words & Music: Kate Rusby,  
arranged by Jim Clements

*Soprano Solo:  
Judy Robertson*

**Reading 1** *Peter Jabin*

Christian Bible, Job 12:7-10

**Reading 2** *Liz Clement*

From The Dream of the Earth (1988),  
by “Geologist” Thomas Berry

**Sermon, Part 1** *Peter Jabin*

**Reading 3** *Liz Clement*

“Bearing Witness” by Laura Weaver

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## Sermon, Part 2

Peter Jabin

## Closing Hymn

Troy Fisher

### Hymn #1064 "Blue Boat Home"

Words: Peter Mayer / Music: Roland Hugh Prichard,  
Keyboard arr. Jason Shelton

## Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Peter Jabin

with the words of St. Basil the Great

## Postlude

Troy Fisher

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### Reflection questions:

- When I stop to truly consider the growing impacts of the climate crisis/poly-crisis, I feel...
  - One aspect of the more-than-human world that I grieve is...
  - What is one response I am called to contribute to the enormity of the world's needs at this time?
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No After-Service Forum at 11:30 today, but please consider returning later for:

### Introduction to Grief Ritual workshop 1:30-4:30pm today at OUUC (onsite only).

This will be led by Peter Jabin, a spiritual director and grief counselor, and therapist Siena Tenisci. 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/>

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### Next Sunday, March 31, 2024: "Love Lives Again"

with Rev. Mary Gear, Rev. Sara Lewis, and Troy Fisher

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Spring holidays of resurrection & new life.

There will be no After-Service Forum. Instead, children are invited to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt down the street at Burri Park!

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**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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**Communicate to Connect: A Workshop of Skills and Approaches for Productive Conversations to Preserve and Develop Connections:** On Sunday, April 7, 12-2pm, the Healthy Congregations Team will host speakers from the Dispute Resolution Center for this training. A light lunch will be provided between service and workshop. Come join us for growth and fellowship!

**We're well on our way to the stewardship goal this month.** As of Saturday, 3/23, there are 153 pledges committing to \$392,104. Thank you to those who have pledged so far! And if you have not pledged yet or if you have questions, visit the Stewardship table in the Commons after the service or visit the website: <https://www.ouuc.org/giving/pledging/>

**Find more details on these and other announcements in the Weekly Update:** <https://www.ouuc.org/who-we-are/publications/weekly-update/>