



May Theme: Pluralism

*Inclusivity is not “how do we make you a part of what we are?”
but “how do we become more of what you are?”*

~ angel Kyodo williams Sensei

Sunday, May 5, 2024

“Embrace Our Differences”

with Rev. Mary Gear

This month we explore the spiritual theme of “Pluralism,” the last of the UU values proposed as the foundation of our faith. What does it mean to be in a diverse community, and how do we not just tolerate but celebrate our differences?

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #305 “De Colores”

Words: David Arkin, used by perm. of Hodgin Press

Music: Traditional Spanish folk, arr. by Betty A. Wylder

Welcome *Whitney Godby*

(she/her)

Lighting the Chalice *Whitney Godby*

“Welcoming Multiple Truths” by Rev. Julianne Lepp

Opening Words *Rev. Mary Gear*

“We gather together” by Rev. Michelle LaGrave *(she/her)*

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #389 “Gathered Here”

Words & Music: Philip A. Porter

Story For All *Rev. Sara Lewis*

“Mira and the Big Story” by Laura Alary *(she/her)*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Whitney Godby*

Offertory *Troy Fisher*

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

Prayerful Practice *Rev. Mary Gear*

“The many ways we listen...” by Rev. Michelle LaGrave

Musical Response *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #90 “From All the Fret and Fever of the Day”

Words: Monroe Beardsley / Music: Cyril V. Taylor

Reading 1 *Whitney Godby*

from UU minister Marta Valentin

Part 1: Interconnection and Diversity *Rev. Mary Gear*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Reading 2 *Whitney Godby*

from the Final Proposed Revision to Article II,
UUA’s Article II Study Commission, October 2023

Part 2: Embrace Our Differences *Rev. Mary Gear*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

At OUUC, masks are welcome and optional. Please join us online if you don’t feel well.
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Hearing assistance devices are available in the sanctuary at the tech desk.

Reading 3
from UU Minister Anne Mason

Whitney Godby

Part 3: Pluralism and Courage

Rev. Mary Gear

Closing Hymn

Troy Fisher

Hymn #311 “Let It Be a Dance”

Words & Music: Ric Masten, arr. by Betty A. Wylder

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Mary Gear

from the Rev. Dr. Sheri Prud’homme

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- What were you taught about pluralism and diversity?
- What have you experienced about being included or not included when you have felt different?
- What do you think of the proposed OUUC Behavioral Covenant?

Today’s After-Service Forum (11:30 am): an update on the proposed changes to the Unitarian Universalist Association purposes and principles (Article II) with Rev. Mary & Rev. Sara

Next Sunday, May 12, 2024: “For All the Mothers” with Rev. Mary Gear

This Mother’s Day we celebrate mothers and mothering in all its forms, from Mother Earth to non-binary parents. *(No After-Service Forum)*

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 May and June is the Crisis Clinic of Thurston & Mason Counties.

Providing 24/7 continuous support for the last fifty years, the Crisis Clinic of Thurston & Mason Counties is committed to building a community that is better prepared to understand and respond compassionately to people in crisis. In 2022 the clinic answered over 10,000 phone calls from people in crisis. Their presentations reach up to 2,000 students each school year with intentions to exceed that number in 2024. Your help will support the primary Crisis Intervention Services, the Teen/Youth Helpline, and presentations to middle and high schools throughout Thurston and Mason Counties in Suicide Awareness and Prevention.

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.

People of all ages and abilities, and dogs on leashes, are welcome to push back on Hunger in our community at this year’s **Hunger Walk**. Gather at Huntamer Park in Lacey **today** at 3pm for live music, camaraderie, and to walk. You can also donate online if you cannot attend. The OUUC team set a goal of raising \$3000 this year, please join us. Look for Barb Carey or Karmel Shields, members of the OUUC team, if you have questions.

OUUC Auction: Reach the Sky. Thank you to all who participated in our live auction last night. Bidding in our **Online Auction closes today at 5 PM!** Visit <https://auctria.com/auction/OUUC> to view a galaxy of handmade items and unique experiences, and to place your final bids.

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