



Our spiritual practice for June is **Freedom**.

“Freedom is what we do with what is done to us.”

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Sunday, June 1, 2025

“On Freedom”

with Rev. Mary Gear and Many Others

Join us as we begin our exploration of the complexities of our spiritual theme of “freedom.” This Sunday we celebrate our graduating seniors and hear about OUUC’s justice work with an incarcerated person.

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, onsite and online.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the sanctuary at the tech desk.

Prelude

Troy Fisher (he/him)

Morning Song

Congregation &

“Circle ‘Round for Freedom”

OUUC Choir

Words & Music: Linda Hirschhorn

Welcome

Kevin Johnson (he/him)

Chalice Lighting

Kevin Johnson

“We Hold That Moment in Our Spirit” by Adam Slate

Opening Words

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)

“Come, Gather Light to Build” by Kiakiali Bordner

Opening Hymn*Congregation***“Gather the Spirit”**

Words & Music: Jim Scott

Ritual of Bridging*Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)*

Emiliano “Leo” Martinelli (he/him)

& Rev. Mary Gear

Salem Henriquez (they/she)

Blessing*Rev. Mary Gear*

adapted from Robert F Kaufmann

Musical Interlude*Emily Walsh (she/her) &*

“Dear Theodosia”

Onyx Walsh (he/him)

From the musical, Hamilton

Words & Music: Lin-Manuel Miranda

Share the Plate Offering*Kevin Johnson***Offertory***Troy Fisher***Ritual of Sharing From the Heart***Rev. Mary Gear***Prayerful Practice***Rev. Mary Gear***Musical Response***OUUC Choir*

“Does the World Say?”

Music & Lyrics: Kyle Pederson

Introduction to One Parish, One Prisoner (OPOP)*Rev. Sara Lewis***Reflection***Zoë Myers***Musical Interlude***Troy Fisher***Reflection***Maggie Smith***On Freedom***Rev. Mary Gear*

Closing Hymn

“Circle ‘Round for Freedom”

Words & Music: Linda Hirschhorn

Congregation &

OUUC Choir

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

“May We Never Rest” by John Cummins

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- Where in your life do you feel imprisoned?
 - How do you understand freedom?
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Today’s After-Service Forum (12:15 pm, onsite & online):

Budget Expo with Rev. Mary and the OUUC Board of Trustees.

This will be a deep dive into the proposed 2025-26 budget as we prepare for the congregational vote at the annual congregational meeting next Sunday.

Next Sunday, June 8, 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):

“Celebrating Community” with Rev. Mary Gear

This Sunday we celebrate community with our annual Flower Communion. Bring a flower to share! We’ll also welcome new OUUC members and thank the many who are of service in our community. Return or stay for the Annual Congregational Meeting after the second service.

After-Service Forum on June 8th, 12:15 pm (onsite & online):

Annual Congregational Meeting to vote on board members, Leadership Development Committee members, bylaws changes, and budget. Full details and links are available here:

<https://www.ouuc.org/2025-Congregational-Meeting/>

NOTE: Anyone is welcome to attend. OUUC members will be able to participate and vote either onsite or on Zoom, as usual. It will not be streamed on YouTube.

Share the Plate Offering: Our Share the Plate organization for May and June is The Multicultural Service Center of South Sound:

The Multicultural Service Center of South Sound connects with newcomers from around the world, primarily refugees who have fled violent, repressive regimes in their home countries. The Center helps meet the unaddressed or under-addressed needs of these refugees, asylees, and other immigrants, such as their English Language Learner program. By nurturing their abilities to understand, the Multicultural Service Center of South Sound helps our newest residents contribute their gifts to the community, as workers, neighbors, parents, students, and future leaders.

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: 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.

In next Sunday's service, we mark the end of the church program year and welcome summer with the flower ceremony. You can participate in this long-time OUUC tradition online or onsite. If attending here in the sanctuary, bring a flower—or a few—to share. If attending online, please plan to show your flower on camera.

Plan to join us in the sanctuary or on Zoom next Sunday at 12:15 for the annual congregational meeting. There will be filling snacks provided onsite before the meeting. There are many items that require a congregational vote. To help you prepare, you can find all of the information needed for the meeting here: <https://www.ouuc.org/2025-Congregational-Meeting/>

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