



Our spiritual practice for May is **Imagination**.

*“Logic will get you from A to Z;
imagination will get you everywhere.”*

~ Albert Einstein

Sunday, May 11, 2025

“A Radical Culture of Vulnerability and Care”

with Rev. Sara Lewis

Humans thrive in relationship to each other and have evolved for mutual care, and yet our culture’s emphasis on individualism leads us to fear dependency. How can we embrace our own vulnerability and create a culture of more radical care for all?

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

Hymn #1000 “Morning Has Come”

Words & Music: Jason Shelton

Welcome

Kevin Johnson (he/him)

Chalice Lighting

Des McGahern (he/him)

“Cherishing Our Differences” by Cindy Fesgen

Opening Words

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)

“A Litany of Wholeheartedness” by Dawn Skjei Cooley

Opening Hymn	<i>Congregation</i>
Hymn #1051 “We Are...”	
Words & Music: Ysaye M. Barnwell	
Story For All	<i>Rev. Sara Lewis</i>
“Building It” by Rev. Sara Lewis	
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Share the Plate Offering	<i>Kevin Johnson</i>
Offertory	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Ritual of Sharing From the Heart	<i>Rev. Sara Lewis</i>
Prayerful Practice	<i>Rev. Sara Lewis</i>
Musical Response	<i>Congregation</i>
Hymn #313 “O What a Piece of Work Are We”	
Words: Malvina Reynolds / Music: <i>The Southern Harmony</i> , harmony by Charles H. Webb	
Reading 1	<i>Des McGahern</i>
from <u>Lean on Me: A Politics of Radical Care</u> by Lynne Segal	
Part 1: Vulnerability	<i>Rev. Sara Lewis</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Reading 2	<i>Kevin Johnson</i>
“Meditation on Courage and Vulnerability” by Douglas Taylor	
Part 2: Mutual Care	<i>Rev. Sara Lewis</i>
Closing Hymn	<i>Congregation</i>
Hymn #301 “Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!”	
Words & Music: Grace Lewis-McLaren	

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Sara Lewis

“Love Holds You” by Carrie Holley-Hurt

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- What stories have you learned about vulnerability from your life and society?
 - How have you experienced the web of mutual and community care?
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There is no After-Service Forum today — Happy Mother’s Day!

Next Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):

“Imagine Hope” with Rev. Mary Gear and musical guest Carrie Newcomer

We welcome back folk singer Carrie Newcomer and pianist Gary Walters as we explore the radical act of hope in these times.

After-Service Forum (May 18th at 12:15 pm, onsite & online):

Seeking Feedback about Two Sunday Services, with Rev. Mary and the OUUC Board

Folk singer Carrie Newcomer returns to OUUC next weekend. There are still a few seats available for the morning workshop and evening concert on Saturday, May 17. For tickets, find the Eventbrite link here:

<https://www.ouuc.org/carrie-newcomer/>

Find more details on these and other announcements in the Weekly Update:

<https://www.ouuc.org/weekly-update/>

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.
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