



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

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

~ Albert Einstein

Sunday, May 25, 2025

“We Gather to Remember”

with Rev. Mary Gear

On this Memorial Day weekend, we gather in community
to remember our losses with ritual and song.

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 #311 “Let It Be a Dance”

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

Welcome

Anne Kohlbray (she/her)

Chalice Lighting

Chris Parke (she/her)

with the words of Charles F. Flagg

Opening Words

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)

“We Gather to Remember” by Nicole McKay

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| Opening Hymn | <i>Congregation</i> |
| Hymn #1001 “Breaths” | |
| Words: Adapted from poem by Birago Diop | |
| Music: Ysaye M. Barnwell | |
| Story For All | <i>Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)</i> |
| “The Poppy Lady” by Barbara Elizabeth Walsh | |
| Musical Interlude | <i>Troy Fisher</i> |
| Share the Plate Offering | <i>Anne Kohlbray</i> |
| Offertory | <i>Troy Fisher</i> |
| Ritual of Sharing From the Heart | <i>Rev. Mary Gear</i> |
| Prayerful Practice | <i>Rev. Mary Gear</i> |
| Musical Response | <i>Troy Fisher (with</i> |
| “We Remember” | <i>congregational response)</i> |
| Music: Ken Chasen & Yoshi Zweiback | |
| Text: adapted from “We Remember Them” | |
| by Sylvan Kamens and Jack Riemer | |
| Reading 1 | <i>Chris Parke</i> |
| Both of today’s readings are from | |
| <u>The Wild Edge of Sorrow</u> by Francis Weller. | |
| Part 1: We Gather to Remember | <i>Rev. Mary Gear</i> |
| Musical Interlude | <i>Troy Fisher</i> |
| Reading 2 | <i>Anne Kohlbray</i> |
| from <u>The Wild Edge of Sorrow</u> | |
| Part 2: We Gather to Grieve | <i>Rev. Mary Gear</i> |
| Closing Hymn | <i>Congregation</i> |
| “Comfort Me” | |
| Words & Music: Mimi Bornstein-Doble | |

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice
interpreted from The Talmud, the primary text for
Jewish law and theology

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- What or who are you remembering this weekend?
 - Do you have rituals that help you remember?
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There will be no After-Service Forum today – have a meaningful Memorial Day.

Next Sunday, June 1, 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):

“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.

After-Service Forum on May 25th, 12:15 pm (onsite & online):

Budget Expo with Rev. Mary and the OUUC Board.

This is your opportunity for a deep dive into the proposed budgets in advance of the congregational meeting – bring your questions! The proposed budgets are now posted here:

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

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.

NOTICE: Our Annual Congregational Meeting is coming up on Sunday, June 8, at 12:15 pm (onsite and on Zoom — voting is not possible via YouTube). Anyone is welcome to attend. OUUC members will vote on board members, Leadership Development Committee members, and budgets. Full details and links are available 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/>