



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

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

~Jean-Paul Sartre

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**Sunday, June 29, 2025**

**“Critiquing Independence”**

with Rev. Michael Walker

Unitarian Universalist theology has often been described as 7 principles representing a great, marble temple, with the roof held up by three pillars. The pillars were the three of our principles about WHAT we do, while the remaining principles, pictured as the roof, were HOW we do it. The supporting pillars, the foundation of UU faith, were Respecting the Inherent Worth and Dignity of all People, Affirming Every Person's Right to a Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning, and finally, Respecting the Interdependent Web of All Existence, of which We are a Part. As we approach the Fourth of July, Independence Day, Rev. Mike looks at the concept of independence through the lens of UU faith, and especially our UU Principle regarding interdependence.

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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.

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**Prelude**

*Troy Fisher (he/him)*

**Morning Song**

*Congregation*

**Hymn #170 “We Are a Gentle, Angry People”**

Words & Music: Holly Near,  
arr. by Patrick L. Rickey

**Welcome**

*Anne Radford (she/her)*

**Opening Words & Chalice Lighting**

*Rev. Michael Walker (he/him)*

**Opening Hymn**

*Congregation*

**Hymn #347 “Gather the Spirit”**

Words & Music: Jim Scott

**Story For All**

*Rev. Michael Walker*

“Sustaining the Tree of Life”

by Rev. Lynn Gardner

**Musical Interlude**

*Troy Fisher*

**Share the Plate Offering**

*Anne Radford*

**Offertory**

*Karl Johnson (Ukelele/Vocal)*

“Chimes of Freedom”

Words & Music: Bob Dylan

**Ritual of Sharing From the Heart**

*Anne Radford*

**Prayerful Practice**

*Rev. Michael Walker*

**Musical Response**

*Congregation*

**Hymn #1040 “Hush”**

Words & Music: African-American spiritual,  
slavery period, arr. by Jason Shelton

**Reading**

*Anne Radford*

“The Butterfly Effect”

from Becoming by Dana Capasso

**Sermon: “Critiquing Independence”**

*Rev. Michael Walker*

**Closing Hymn**

*Congregation*

**Hymn #318 “We Would Be One”**

Words: Samuel Anthony Wright

Music: Jean Sibelius, arr. from *The Hymnal*

**Reflection questions:**

- What relevance does interdependence have for your life and/or circumstance?
  - How do you understand the connection of freedom and interdependence?
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**Next Sunday, July 6, 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):**

“Our Whole Lives” with Rev. Linda Hart.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the release of the Our Whole Lives comprehensive sexuality education program developed by the UUA and the United Church of Christ. As the program was being developed, the UUA announced a contest for the best sermon introducing the new program. In this service, Rev. Linda Hart will share the sermon that she wrote that won that contest, exploring the role of sexuality in our lives and the importance of ongoing education about it. She'll share an updated version of it with us.

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**The OUUC Parents Group will meet at 6 pm this Thursday, July 3rd, at the Percival Landing playground.** Contact Rev. Sara ([DCFD@ouuc.org](mailto:DCFD@ouuc.org)) for more information.

**The OUUC Sangha meets in the sanctuary each Thursday at 6:30 pm** through the summer for connection and meditation. All are welcome. Contact Curt Hill for more information.

**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.