



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

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

~Jean-Paul Sartre

Sunday, June 8, 2025
“Celebrating Community”
with Rev. Mary Gear

This Sunday we celebrate community with our annual Flower Communion. 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.

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 #305 “De Colores”

Words: David Arkin / Music: Traditional Spanish folk, arr. by Betty Wylder

Welcome

Whitney Godby (she/her)

Chalice Lighting

Whitney Godby

with the words of Lisa Garcia-Sampson

Opening Words

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)

“Come in; Be among Us” by Shari Woodbury

Opening Hymn

Congregation

Hymn #1068 “Rising Green”

Words & Music: Caroly McDade, arr. Jim Scott

Welcoming New Members:

Nancy Reid McKee

Suzanne Hall

Woosi Wildwood

Lightfoot McBride

Charles Pailthorp

Sheryl Lowe

David Moore

Carol Campbell

Drew Goodrich

Jeff Goates

Ann DesJardien

Rev. Mary Gear,

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her),

& Susan Moon (she/her)

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Volunteer Recognition

Rev. Mary Gear,

Rev. Sara Lewis

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

Musical Response

Congregation

Hymn #352 “Find a Stillness”

Words: Carl G. Seaburg

Music: Transylvanian, harmony by Larry Phillips

Reading

Whitney Godby

“The Days of Too Many Flowers”

by Rev. Tess Baumberger

Celebrating Community: Flower Ceremony

Rev. Mary Gear

Hymn #402 “From You I Receive”

Words & Music: Joseph and Nathan Segal

Hymn #396 “I Know This Rose Will Open”

Words & Music: Mary E. Grigolia

Blessing

Rev. Mary Gear

offered by Rev. Dr. Petr Samojský

Closing Hymn

Congregation

Hymn #78 “Color and Fragrance”

Words & Music: Norbert F. Capek, English version

by Grace Ulp

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Mary Gear

with the words of Rev. Jonalu Johnstone

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- What brings beauty into your life now?
- What gifts have you received these days?
- Where have you enjoyed diversity in your life?

Today’s After-Service Forum (12:15 pm, onsite & on Zoom, NOT YouTube):

Annual Congregational Meeting with Rev. Mary and the OUUC Board.

Anyone is welcome to attend. OUUC members will vote on board members, Leadership Development Committee members, bylaws changes, and budgets for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Full details and links are available 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.

Next Sunday, June 15, 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):
“Celebrating Fathers and Supporting Families” with Dieter Jacobs & Rev. Mary Gear

Today we celebrate fathers and father figures in our lives. We also welcome and covenant with newly elected congregational leaders as we thank those who have served.

No more After-Service Forums until September — Happy Summer!

Return at 7 pm for a Concert with Troy Fisher and the OUUC Choir!

This coming Thursday is the last Community Dinner before we take a break for the Summer. If you haven't yet come to a dinner, come join us. And, if you have, never fear! The dinners will begin again in September.

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