



**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

**“A Moral Document”**

with Rev. Carol McKinley

On July 4th, we celebrated the 249th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. How are the values of freedom and human dignity expressed in that document reflected in the values we honor in our Unitarian Universalist faith tradition?

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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 #155 “Circle ‘Round for Freedom”**

Words & Music: Linda Hirschhorn

**Welcome**

*Curt Hill (he/him)*

**Chalice Lighting**

*Curt Hill*

adapted from the words of Rev. John Millspaugh

**Opening Words**

*Rev. Carol McKinley*

adapted from the words of Thomas Merton

*(she/her)*

**Opening Hymn**

*Congregation*

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

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

**Story For All**

*Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)*

“Someday” by Janeen Grohsmeyer

<b>Musical Interlude</b>	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
<b>Share the Plate Offering</b>	<i>Curt Hill</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
<b>Ritual of Sharing From the Heart</b>	<i>Rev. Carol McKinley</i>
<b>Prayerful Practice</b> adapted from the Upanishads by Satish Kumar	<i>Rev. Carol McKinley</i>
<b>Musical Response</b>	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>Hymn #1051 “We Are...”</b> Words & Music: Ysaye M. Barnwell	
<b>Reading 1</b> from The Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776	<i>Curt Hill</i>
<b>Reading 2</b> from the words of Frederick Douglass, the 19th Century abolitionist and social reformer	<i>Rev. Carol McKinley</i>
<b>Sermon: “A Moral Document”</b>	<i>Rev. Carol McKinley</i>
<b>Closing Hymn</b> <b>Hymn #1028 “The Fire of Commitment”</b> Words: Mary Katherine Morn / Music: Jason Shelton	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>Closing Words &amp; Extinguishing the Chalice</b>	<i>Rev. Carol McKinley</i>
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Troy Fisher</i>

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### Reflection questions:

- How does a political document reflect moral values?
  - How do you as a citizen feel you should respond?
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**Gen XYZ Lunch is today at 12:15 pm.** Anyone who identifies within one of those generations is welcome to join. Kedo Baye, the usual contact for this group, is out of town, so please look for John and Rebecca in a classroom or outside.

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**Next Sunday, July 27, 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):**

**“How We Do Family: Transgender Possibilities in 2025”**  
with Trystan Reese

Trystan Reese is a transgender storyteller whose journey of love and resilience has delighted audiences worldwide. He'll be bringing that story to our congregation, and we are overjoyed to welcome him as he shares his experiences of transgender pregnancy and what it was like to carry that pregnancy publicly in 2017. Trystan is based in Portland, Oregon, where he writes, parents, and works with communities interested in fostering belonging and compassion.

**Bio:** Trystan Reese is an award-winning author, facilitator, and coach focusing on diversity, equity, and inclusion. He has been organizing with the trans community for nearly two decades, serving on the frontlines of this generation's most significant fights for LGBTQ+ justice. An accomplished storyteller, Trystan has toured with The Moth MainStage's renowned team; the video of his Brooklyn performance has garnered over 2.6 million views online; and his story was subsequently included in The Moth's 2024 anthology, *A Point of Beauty*.

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**OUUC is going Peanut-Free!** We are asking your help to make OUUC an inclusive community for **one of our young ones who has a severe peanut allergy**. To help support the participation of them and their family at OUUC, we are moving to becoming a peanut free facility. This is one of the ways we take care of each other and live out our mission to welcome! What this means for you: **please do not bring any peanuts, peanut butter, or products that contain peanuts (including peanut oil) to OUUC.** Thank you for helping keep our community safe for all.

**All ages are invited to join the OUUC Nature Group at McClane Creek at 10am on Saturday July 26th.** Contact Rev. Sara at [DCFD@ouuc.org](mailto:DCFD@ouuc.org) for questions or to RSVP.

**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 July and August is GRUB's Growing Home Collective:

Garden-Raised Bounty (GRuB)'s program, Growing Home Collective, centers the reality that Black people's huge contribution of genius, highly skilled, and stolen labor was crucial in creating the United States. Including a reparations-based approach, Growing Home Collective reduces barriers for Black people to access GRuB programs, resources, and leadership opportunities. Led by an advisory group with Black staff & community members, this group co-creates affinity programming by, with and for Black people, to center Black self-determination, creativity and lived experience.

If you write a check, please note "PLEDGE" if it is a pledge payment. All other donations in the basket 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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