



Sunday, July 27, 2025

“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.

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 #389 “Gathered Here

Words & Music: Phillip A Porter

Welcome

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)

Chalice Lighting

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)

“The Pride Flame” by Linda lee Franson

In Memoriam: Gregory Robinson

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Opening Words

Rev. Mary Gear

“Wholeness” by Sharon Wylie, written for
Transgender Day of Visibility

Opening Hymn

Congregation

Hymn #131 “Love Will Guide Us”

Words: Sally Rogers

Music: Traditional, arr. Betty A. Sylder

Story For All

Rev. Sara Lewis

“They Can’t Take Our Sparkle” by Quinn Gormley,
adapted into story by Sara Lewis

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate Offering

Rev. Mary Gear

Offertory

Troy Fisher

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart

Rev. Mary Gear

Prayerful Practice

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Response

Congregation

Hymn #1012 “When I Am Frightened”

Words & Music: Shelley Jackson Denham,
arr. Jeannie Gagne

How We Do Family:

Trystan Reese (he/him)

Transgender Possibilities in 2025

Closing Hymn

Congregation

Hymn #1053 “How Could Anyone”

Words & Music: Libby Roderick

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Mary Gear

with the words of Alex Kapitan

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- How have you experienced the concept of “family”? How do you “do” family?
 - What possibilities for greater love and joy would you like to see possible for all families?
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**Next Sunday, August 3, 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):
“Spirit of Life” with Rev. Mary Gear**

“Spirit of Life” is a much loved hymn by beloved Unitarian Universalist musician Carolyn McDade. What does this song tell us about how to live in these times?

The OUUC Parent group meets this Thursday, August 7th, at 6pm, at Lions Park Playground. Contact Rev. Sara at DCFD@ouuc.org to learn more.

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.

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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