



Sunday, August 24, 2025

"Golden, Wounded"

With Rev. Corey Passons

True healing begins when we honor the complexity in ourselves and others—the wounds we carry and the light we hold. Through story, compassion, and spiritual practice, we'll explore the transformative power of connection in times of injustice and divisions.

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

Becky Owen (she/her)

Morning Song

Congregation

Hymn #1010 "We Give Thanks"

Words & Music: Wendy Luella Perkins,
arr. Susan Peck

Welcome

Anne Radford (she/her)

Chalice Lighting

Anne Radford

with words of Bear W. Qolezcua

Opening Words

Rev. Corey Passons

"We Lay Down Our Burdens"

(he/him)

by Katie Steinberg

Opening Hymn

Congregation

Hymn #1015 "I Know I Can"

Words: Dennis Hamilton / Music: Jeannie Gagne,
arr. Mark Freundt

Story For All*Rev. Corey Passons*

Based on “The Three Questions” by Jon Muth

Musical Interlude*Becky Owen***Share the Plate Offering***Anne Radford***Offertory***Becky Owen***Ritual of Sharing From the Heart***Anne Radford***Prayerful Practice***Rev. Corey Passons***Musical Response***Congregation***Hymn #1007 “There’s a River Flowin’ in My Soul”**

Words & Music by Rose Sanders;

arr. by Kenny Smith

Reading*Rev. Corey Passons*

“The Healing That Comes” by Jan Richardson

Reflection I: Golden, Wounded*Rev. Corey Passons***Musical Interlude***Becky Owen***Reflection II: Golden, Wounded***Rev. Corey Passons***Closing Hymn***Rev. Corey Passons &***“Golden, Wounded”***Congregation*

Words & Music: Corey Passons

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice*Rev. Corey Passons*

Words of Rev. Sam Trumbore

Postlude*Becky Owen*

Reflection questions:

- 1. What parts of your story—your wounds and your gifts—are you still learning to see with compassion, and how might sharing them invite healing for yourself and others?
 - Consider how acknowledging both your pain and your potential could open the door to transformation, rather than just change.
 - 2. Who do you struggle to see as “golden and wounded,” and what might it look like to approach them with sacred agnosticism—without needing to fully understand or justify their story before extending compassion?
 - Reflect on how “getting proximate” to the stories of others might shift how you view differences and build deeper connections.
 - 3. In a world that often prioritizes policy and power, what would it mean for you to live as if connection, story-sharing, and compassion were revolutionary acts of transformation?
 - Think about how the practice of listening—deeply, patiently, and lovingly—can shape not only your relationships but the kind of change you choose to support.
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**Next Sunday, August 31 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite)
“We Who Believe in Freedom” with Rev. Carol McKinley**

This weekend we celebrate Labor Day, a time to honor workers who provide the goods and services needed to keep society functioning. Many of those who were part of efforts to ensure workers' rights in the Pacific Northwest became an integral part of the larger struggle to ensure rights and freedom for all.

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.

Protest First Aid Training is being offered here **today from 12:30-4:30**, all are welcome to attend.

The OUUC Choir will begin rehearsing again on **Wednesday, September 3rd** at 7:00pm. If you are interested in singing with the choir, contact our music director, Troy Fisher, or speak to a current member of the choir, or just show up for rehearsal on Sept. 3rd.

Mark your calendars for our annual All Church Picnic! **Saturday September 13th**, noon, at the Rose Garden shelter at Squaxin Park. If you would like to help with an activity, set up, or clean up, please contact Rev Sara.

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