



Our spiritual practice for September is **Building Belonging**.

*“One of the most important things you can do on this earth
is to let people know they are not alone.”*

~ Shannon L. Alder

Sunday, September 28, 2025
“Belonging to the UUUniverse”

with Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee

We value church for the connections we make and the meaning we find together. It is also important to be connected with the Unitarian Universalist Universe because together we can do more than we can when acting alone. We will explore how we belong to the larger faith tradition.

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

“Bright Morning Stars”

Words: Matt Meyer / Music: Traditional

Welcome

Des McGahern (he/him)

Chalice Lighting

Des McGahern

with the words of Rev. Karen LeBlanc

Opening Words

by Rev. Ian Riddle

Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee

(she/her)

Opening Hymn

Congregation

Hymn #188 “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

Words: Adapt. from Rumi

Music: Lynn Adair Ungar

Story For All

“Chai’s Journey”

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)

& Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate Offering

Des McGahern

Offertory

Troy Fisher

Ritual of Sharing from the Heart

Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee

Prayerful Practice

Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee

Musical Response

Congregation

“There Is A Love”

Words: Rebecca Parker / Music: Elizabeth Norton

Reading 1

Des McGahern

from “On Faith” by Rosemary Bray McNatt, found in the Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide, 7th ed.

Part 1: Institutional Power

Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Reading 2

Des McGahern

“We Are Unitarian Universalists” video from the UUA, uploaded to Vimeo on Jun 27, 2019

<https://vimeo.com/344862790>

Part 2: The UU Universe

Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee

Closing Hymn

Congregation

Hymn #318 “We Would Be One”

Words: Samuel A. Wright / Music: Jean Sibelius

Reflection Questions:

- If you came to the Unitarian Universalist church from another faith tradition, what is it that drew you here?
 - What do you imagine the benefit is for you and your church to be identified or connected with the larger UU organization?
 - Was there a UU group you heard about today that you think you might want to learn more about?
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Today's After-Service Forum (12:15 pm, onsite and online): Introduction to the UUA Congregational Study Action Issue for 2025-26, with Rev. Sara

At this year's General Assembly of the UUA, delegates voted to select a new congregational study and action issue. A study and action issue calls us to study an issue deeply for several years. Our new CSAI is "Abolition, Transformation, and Faith Formation." All are welcome to join Rev. Sara for this forum introducing the ideas of this issue and launching our study of it.

The New UU class will meet at 2 pm today in classroom 3, to explore OUUC history and to tour our building and grounds. This class is for all who want to know more or are interested in becoming members of OUUC.

**Next Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):
"Bear Witness: Save Lives" with CB Beal**

CB will share story and reflections about the spiritual practice of bearing witness, a vital part of Beloved Community. When we choose to be still and bear witness to one another with compassion, acknowledging and accepting what is shared, we can be present with curiosity, acceptance, and empathy that honors our different life experiences. This is a practice of becoming more trustworthy.

**After-Service Forum on Oct. 5, at 12:15 pm (onsite & online):
"The Big Question" with the OUUC Board**

Share the Plate Offering: Our Share the Plate organization for September and October is South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity:

South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity envisions a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Through community collaboration and a variety of programs and classes, they work to bring sustainable, affordable homeownership to those who need it. Seeking to put God's love into action, they bring people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

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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OUUC Opportunity of the Week: the Adult Faith Development Team! This team works to organize and support classes for adults here at OUUC. They are in the Commons today and would love to answer your questions about what the team does. Look for Linda Witcher and Linda Selsor, or request their contact info here: <https://www.ouuc.org/request-for-contact-information/>

Next Sunday, October 5th, families and children are invited to our first Family Pancake Breakfast at 9am. Join us for a chance to get to know other families here during first service, then stay to attend second service. Questions, contact Anissa Bentlemsani (REassistant@ouuc.org).

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