



Our spiritual practice for October is **Cultivating Compassion**.

“True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it understands that an edifice that produces beggars needs restructuring.”

~Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Sunday, October 19, 2025

“Same and Different”

with Rev. Mary Gear

We explore the human paradox that we are one and we are different.

This is the 2025 auction service with John Tafejian
and an original piece of music by Jeff Goates.

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 #346 “Come, Sing a Song with Me”

Words & Music: Carolyn McDade

Welcome

Christine Parke (she/her)

Chalice Lighting

Christine Parke

“Cherishing Our Differences”

by Cindy Fesgen

Opening Words

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)

“We Need One Another”

by Rev. Erik Walker Wikstrom

Opening Hymn “Hold Fast to Love” Words & Music: Lynn Harrison	<i>Congregation</i>
Reflection	<i>John Tafejian (he/him)</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Share the Plate Offering	<i>Vanessa Nagel (she/her)</i>
Offertory “Connected” Words & Music: Brian Tate	<i>OUUC Choir</i>
Ritual of Sharing from the Heart	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
Prayerful Practice	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
Musical Response “Fences” Words & Music: Jeff Goates	<i>Jeff Goates (he/him) and John Tafejian</i>
Reading 1 "Human Family" by Maya Angelou	<i>John Tafejian</i>
Part 1: Same	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Readings 2 & 3 Quotes from Audre Lorde and William Sloane Coffin, Jr.	<i>Vanessa Nagel</i>
Part 2: Different	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
Closing Hymn Hymn #1021 “Lean on Me” Words & Music: Bill Withers	<i>Congregation</i>

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

from The Maid

by Nita Prose

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection Questions:

- How are you the same as those around you?
 - How are you different?
 - Have you ever had to give up something to fit in?
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Today's After-Service Forum (12:15 pm, onsite and online):

"Who You Gonna Call?" Skill Builder with Rev. Mary

We will be exploring the latest OUUC organization charts, who is who, and who does what around here.

Also at 12:30 pm today will be the Gen XYZ lunch. Everyone between the ages of 18 to about 50 are welcome for this lunch, held in classroom 3. Look for Kedo Baye, with the hot pink hair.

At 2 pm today, the New UU Class addresses the topic of Faith Development.

This class is for anyone who would like to know more about OUUC or who is interested in becoming a member.

Next Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):

"The Wild in Us" with Rev. Mary Gear

This Halloween season, we explore why we want to stay connected to the wild. What does it mean that we humans are part of the animal kingdom? How does that affect our being in the world and our spirituality?

After-Service Forum on Oct. 26, at 12:15 pm (onsite & online):

Geoff Willard from Wolf Haven, Interviewed by Rev. Mary

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 Buildings and Grounds team!

This team keeps our space safe and welcoming and is a great opportunity for those who like to be hands on and use tools. Contact Ian Stephan (OfficeManager@ouuc.org) if you're interested to know more!

This week is the annual Books Brownies and Beans sale. We will set up the sale on Thursday and there will be a shopping time for volunteers after the community dinner. Then the sale is 9-4 on Friday and Saturday. If you haven't yet volunteered for the sale, email vol4books.ouuc@gmail.com or see the team in the Commons today to find your spot! Come shop Friday and Saturday and enjoy the entertainment on Saturday. Find more details at <https://www.ouuc.org/books/>

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