



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 26, 2025

“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?

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 #1068 “Rising Green”

Words & Music: Carolyn McDade, arr. Jim Scott

Welcome

Anne Radford (she/her)

In Memoriam: Rev. Arthur Vaeni

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)

Chalice Lighting

Anne Radford

Words of Mark Causey

Opening Words*Rev. Mary Gear*

Put Away the Pressures of the World

by Rev. Erika Hewitt

Opening Hymn*Congregation***Hymn #1074 “Turn the World Around”**

Words & Music: Harry Belafonte and Robert
Freedman

Story For All*Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)*

The Selkie Wife, a traditional Scottish folktale

Musical Interlude*Troy Fisher***Share the Plate Offering***Anne Radford***Offertory***Troy Fisher***Ritual of Sharing from the Heart***Rev. Mary Gear***Prayerful Practice***Rev. Mary Gear***Musical Response***Congregation*

Hymn #1011 “Return Again”

Words & Music: Shlomo Carlebach

Reading 1*Anne Radford*

Words of Edward Osborne Wilson

The Wild in Us: Part 1*Rev. Mary Gear***Musical Interlude***Troy Fisher***Reading 2***Anne Radford*

“Gift from the Geese” by Jennifer Pratt-Walter

The Wild in Us: Part 2*Rev. Mary Gear*

Closing Hymn
“May You Walk”

Congregation

Words & Music: Betsy Rose

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Mary Gear

From The Summer Day by Mary Oliver

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection Questions:

- Do you have a connection to the wild? If so, in what way?
- Do you feel a connection to the wild within?
- Do you think science and religion are compatible?

Today's After-Service Forum (12:15 pm, onsite and online):

An interview with Geoff Willard from Wolf Haven and Rev. Mary Gear

At 12:15 today, please join us here in the sanctuary or back in the main Zoom room for our forum in which Rev. Mary interviews Geoff Willard from Wolf Haven, a sanctuary just south of Olympia.

At 2 pm today, the New UU Class addresses the topic of Pastoral Care. This class is for anyone who would like to know more about OUUC or who is interested in becoming a member.

Next Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):

“What Are We Missing When We Talk About Covenant?” with Rev. Jon Luopa

Since the late 1970s, UUs have been talking more and more about covenant. Things like ‘covenant groups’ and writing our own covenants we ground in behavioral guidelines and psycho-social paradigms. Have we forgotten the spiritual depth of the concept of covenant? Let’s explore that question.

After-Service Forum on Nov. 2, at 12:15 pm (onsite & online):

The OUUC Monthly Board Forum

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 Memorial Receptions Team!

Do you like to make deviled eggs or chocolate chip cookies? Like to work in the kitchen or set up canopies, tables, and chairs? If so, consider joining this team. This team takes care of the reception part of memorial services for our members and friends, holding the family in loving care. If you are interested in joining this team, contact Melanie Ransom.

This weekend OUUC hosted our huge 22nd annual Books, Brownies, and Beans sale, raising money for organizations furthering our UU values in the world. Look for an announcement of how much money was raised in the coming weeks. Thank you for putting your faith into action.

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