



Our spiritual practice for January is **Practicing Resistance**.

“Our resistance is not predicated on how likely it will be to alter the conscience of the oppressor. We resist to retain our own conscience. And to awaken all others who are still in possession of their own souls.”

~Cole Arthur Riley

Sunday, January 11th, 2026

“Looking back, looking forward: Reflections from our Transylvania Pilgrimage”

The Pilgrims with Rev. Mary

The OUUC pilgrims who traveled to Transylvania share their personal experience of the people and places where Unitarian beliefs emerged, offering the opportunity for us to reflect on our own Unitarian Universalist pluralistic spiritual journey.

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 #1043 “Szekely Aldas”

Words: Traditional Transylvanian / Music: Elizabeth H.
Norton

Welcome

*Curtis Tanner
(he/him)*

Chalice Lighting “Sacred Dissent” Words of Rev. Michelle Collins	<i>Rick Brandt-Kreutz (he/him)</i>
Opening Words Adapted from “Blessed Are We” By Andrea Hawkins-Kamper	<i>Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)</i>
Opening Hymn Hymn #1 “May Nothing Evil Cross This Door” Words: Louis Untermeyer / Music: Robert N. Quaile	<i>Congregation</i>
Exchanging Gifts with our Partner Church in Kissolymos	<i>Ryan Baye (he/him) & Wendy Tanner (she/her)</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Story For All “A Pilgrim’s Journey to her Past”	<i>Curtis Tanner</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Share the Plate Offering	<i>Rick Brandt-Kreutz</i>
Offertory “Megpihenni” Transylvanian hymn	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Ritual of Sharing from the Heart	<i>Rev. Mary</i>
Prayerful Practice	<i>Rev. Mary</i>
Musical Response Hymn #352 “Find a Stillness” Words: Carl G. Seaburg / Music: Transylvanian hymn	<i>Congregation</i>
Part 1: A Personal Reflection on Partner Church	<i>Frances Tanaka (she/her)</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>

Part 2:

Pilgrimage of Faith to Our Unitarian Past

Rick Brandt-Kreutz

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Part 3:

Lessons from Transylvanian Unitarians

Curtis Tanner

Closing Hymn

Congregation

Hymn #322 "Thanks Be for These"

Words: Richard Seward Gilbert and Joyce Timmerman

Gilbert

Music: Hungarian melody

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Mary

"To Serve, to Grow, and to Love" By Kent McKusick

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection Questions:

1. What pilgrimage experiences have you had – either literal or metaphorical?
2. How have pilgrimage experiences informed your faith journey?
3. Have you encountered theologies/spiritual practices different than your own that informed your own faith?

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

Photos and Stories with the Transylvania pilgrims

Next Sunday, Jan. 18th, 2026, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):

"One Foot in Front of Another" with Troy Fisher and the OUUC Choir

This "music service" is a call for connection in troubled times. It is about persistence, community and moving ahead. "One foot in front of the other" is a metaphor for determination and forward motion. Warriors like Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, Ghandhi, Dolores Huerta, started their movements out of the love of their people not out of the hatred of someone else.

After-Service Forum on Jan. 18th, at 12:15 pm (onsite & online):

Faith In Action: A Talk on the Proposed Chehalis Dam

Share the Plate Offering: Our Share the Plate organization for January and February is Homes First:

In the past 35 years, Homes First has provided safe, clean, stable, and affordable homes to more than 5,000 community members who are very low and extremely low-income. Today, your attention and support will make all the difference. Homes First work includes: making emergency repairs to uninhabitable housing units; covering operating expenses during this revenue shortfall; maintaining current program and services; and covering compliance and safety upgrades.

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

OUUC Opportunity of the Week: the FUUN team! This will be a new team, not in existence yet, that will seek to create and support social and fun events for us. Joy is resistance too. If you are interested in creating fun for OUUC, talk to Rev. Sara.

Today in the commons, look for the Cottage Meeting postcards with the Welcome Team! Cottage Meetings are small, intimate group gatherings where, for about 90 minutes, we'll enjoy refreshments and meaningful conversations about what OUUC means to each of us and the future we envision for our beloved congregation. There are many sessions to choose from, with different dates, times and locations. Sign up now! **Wednesday, January 7th at 7:00pm**, the OUUC Choir starts rehearsing again here in the sanctuary! Is this your year to join the choir? If so, show up on Wednesday, or speak with our Music Director, Troy Fisher.

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