



Our spiritual practice for February is **Embodying Resilience**.

*“Anyone can slay a dragon, he told me, but try waking up every morning
and loving the world all over again.”*

~Brian Andreas

Sunday, February 15th, 2026
“Congregational Resilience”

With Rev. Mary Gear

Today we explore the spiritual theme of “Embodying Resilience” by
reflecting on congregational life and how we are together.

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	<i>Troy Fisher (he/him)</i>
Morning Song Hymn #347 “Gather the Spirit” Words & music: Jim Scott	<i>Congregation</i>
Welcome	<i>Janet Spencer (she/her)</i>
In Memoriam: Bernadette Farrell	<i>Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Chalice Lighting “Joy and Power That Grow” Words of Rev. Jami Yandle	<i>Janet Spencer</i>

Opening Words

“The Soft, Stubborn Practice”
by Rev. Michelle Collins

Rev. Mary

Opening Hymn

“We Will Carry Each Other”

Words & music: Soren Austenfeld

*OUUC Choir/
Congregation*

Stewardship Moment

*Jason Martinelli
(he/him)*

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate Offering

Janet Spencer

Offertory

“I Been in the Storm”
African American Spiritual
Arranged by Brian Tate

OUUC Choir

Ritual of Sharing from the Heart

Rev. Mary

Prayerful Practice

Rev. Mary

Musical Response

Hymn #298 “Wake Now, My Senses”

Words: Thomas J.S. Mikelson
Music: Traditional Irish melody, harmony by Carlton
R. Young

Congregation

Reading 1

“Prayer for Resilience Through Connections”
By Rev. Dr. Michelle Collins

Janet Spencer

Part 1: Resilience

Rev. Mary

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Reading 2

“What makes a congregation resilient?”
Answer from AI

Janet Spencer

Part 2: Congregational Resilience

Rev. Mary

Closing Hymn

OUUC Choir/

“Keep on Movin’ Forward”

Congregation

Words & music: Pat Humphries

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Mary

“Carry This All”

Words & music: Alexandra “Ahlay” Blakely

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection Questions:

1. How have you experienced resilience?
2. In what ways do you think you are resilient?
3. In what ways do you think OUUC is resilient?

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

The Big Question part 3: Fundraising at OUUC with Board of Trustees

Next Sunday, Feb 22nd, 2026, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):

“Creative Resilience” with Rev. Liz Ullery Swenson

Author Ursula K. Le Guin wrote in her collection of essays, *The Wave in the Mind: Talks and Essays on the Writer, the Reader and the Imagination*. “The exercise of imagination is dangerous to those who profit from the way things are because it has the power to show that the way things are is not permanent, not universal, not necessary.”

After-Service Forum on Feb 22nd, at 12:15 pm (onsite & online):

Faith Formation as an Individual Journey with Rev. Sara

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
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The New to OUUC class continues today at 2 pm online. Today's class will be about how we put our Faith into Action. The class is on zoom, you can find the link on the OUUC website.

For the rest of February, OUUC SWIFT will collect food for immigrant families who fear being detained if they go to the store. This is a repeat of the food drive we did in November. We will deliver our collections to a local church which maintains a food pantry for immigrant families. Please put your donations in the collection boxes in the OUUC Commons. You can find a list of the types of foods desired in the Commons.

Today, at 12:15, the Generation XYZ Lunch will be in the classroom wing. This gathering is for everyone ages 18 to roughly 50ish. See Kedo Baye for more information.

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