



Our spiritual practice for March is **Paying Attention**.

Paying attention is a form of reciprocity with the living world, receiving its gifts with open eyes and open heart."

~Robin Wall Kimmerer

Sunday, March 29th, 2026

"The Work that Reconnects"

with Rev. Mary Gear

We will close our stewardship drive with a reflection on how we are connected as we learn and grow, fostering gratitude and generosity. We will also welcome new members to OUUC.

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

"Joy in the Morning"

Words & music: Adam Podd

We'll find joy in the mornin'
Joy in the mornin'
Joy in the mornin'
in the mornin' we'll find joy.

We find hope in our children
Hope in our children
Hope in our children
In our children we find hope

We find strength in each other
Strength in each other
Strength in each other
In each other, we find strength

There is love all around us
Love all around us
Love all around us
All around us there is love.

Welcome

*Alicia Seegers Martinelli
(she/her)*

Chalice Lighting

“For Each and For All”
words of Rev. Erik Walker Wikstrom

Alicia Seegers Martinelli

Opening Words

“To Remind Ourselves What Is Real”
By Elena Westbrook

Rev. Mary (she/her)

Opening Hymn

“We Will Carry Each Other”

Words & music: Soren Austenfeld

Congregation

I am looking for shelter in a friend.
We can build a beginning but I do not know
the end
I am scared of breaking when I bend.

[chorus]

We will carry each other on the way:
My courage is your courage
when the journey is only getting longer.
My strength is your strength:
we will carry each other on the way.

There are prayers I don't know how to say.
But I still find solace when I close my eyes to
pray
What I've lost and what I hope can stay

[chorus]

We will carry each other on the way:
My courage is your courage
when the journey is only getting longer.
My strength is your strength:
we will carry each other on the way.

I am full and I am running out,
I'm a flooding river and I'm living through the
drought,
I have firm conviction and my heart is full of
doubt.

[chorus]

We will carry each other on the way:
My courage is your courage
when the journey is only getting longer.
My strength is your strength:
we will carry each other on the way.

There are people I have never met,
There is something special, and I haven't
found it yet,
There's abundance, given freely, taken with no
debt!

[chorus]

We will carry each other on the way:
My courage is your courage
when the journey is only getting longer.
My strength is your strength:
we will carry each other on the way.

[tag]

My courage is your courage
when the journey is only getting longer.
My strength is your strength:
we will carry each other on the way.

New Member Welcome

Jill Flemming (she/her)
Steve Burrows (he/him)
Jan Johnston (she/her)
Kate Torres (she/her)
Linnea Gullickson (she/her)
Irene Abbott Lewis (she/her)
Josie Pozuelo (none)
Kevin Shimkaveg (he/him)

*Rev. Mary, Rev. Sara
(she/her), & Board Rep*

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate Offering

Alicia Seegers Martinelli

Offertory

OUUC Choir

“Keep on Movin’ Forward”

Words & music: Pat Humphries

Gonna keep on moving forward
Keep on moving forward
Keep on moving forward
Never turning back
Never turning back

Gonna keep on moving proudly

Gonna keep on singing loudly

Gonna keep on loving boldly

Gonna reach across our borders

Gonna end the occupations

Gonna stop these wars together

Gonna keep on moving forward

Ritual of Sharing from the Heart

Rev. Mary

Prayerful Practice

Rev. Mary

Musical Response

OUUC Choir

“Love Is Little”

Words & music: Shaker song, arr. Kevin Siegried

Love is little, love is low,
Love will make our spirit grow.
Grow in peace, grow in light,
Love will do the thing that’s right.

Reading 1

Alicia Seegers Martinelli

“The Chalice of Our Being” by Rev. Richard S. Gilbert

Reading 2

Rev. Mary

By Karen Louise Erdrich

Homily: The Work That Reconnects

Rev. Mary

Closing Hymn

Congregation

“Hold Fast to Love”

Words & music: Lynn Harrison

Hold fast to love for it’s not broken
Hold fast to love it will endure
Hold fast to love hold your heart open
For all this hurt love is the cure

Hold fast to love it’s staying right here
Despite the ones who’ve lost their way
Hold fast to love it shows the way clear
So we can face another day

Hold fast to love it’s in our voices
Hold fast to love it’s in our hands
Love rises up to guide our choices
There is no storm love can’t withstand

Hold fast to love for it’s not broken
Hold fast to love it will endure
Hold fast to love hold your heart open
For all this hurt love is the cure
For all this hurt love is the cure.

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Mary

“When Giving Is All We Have” by poet Alberto Rios

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection Questions:

1. Where do you notice gratitude these days?
2. What or who refills the chalice of your being?
3. How do you express generosity?

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

Trans inclusion at OUUC

Next Sunday, April 5th 2026, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):
“The Possibility of Transformation” with Rev. Mary, Rev. Sara, Troy & the OUUC Choir

“We celebrate Easter with a reflection on transformation and a ritual of blessing to go forth. Join us for this celebration of Spring and new life”.

After-Service Forum on April 5th, at 12:15 pm (onsite & online):

None: Egg Hunt at Burri Park

Share the Plate Offering: Our Share the Plate organization for March & April is POWER:

Parent's Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights, is an organization of low-income parents and allies who advocate for a strong social safety net while working towards a world where children and their caregiving are truly valued, and the devastation of poverty has been eradicated. They work to provide grass-roots support for members of our local community through mutual aid, support groups, and legislative advocacy.

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
-

We are off to a great start with the 2026-2027 Stewardship drive, for the budget year beginning in July. If you haven't pledged yet, we invite you to carefully consider the role the church plays in your life and the value it adds to you,

our church community and the community we serve. May our love drive our desire to support OUUC to its fullest potential. To give visit <https://www.ouuc.org/give/stewardship/>

Change to Beverages in the Sanctuary Policy! In order to be more welcoming, we will now allow **cups with lids** inside the sanctuary. Bringing your own cup is encouraged. If you do not have your own cup, some disposable cups will be provided.

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