



Our spiritual practice for April is **Embracing Possibility**.

*"Ask what's possible, not what's wrong. Keep asking."*

~Margaret J. Wheatley

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**Sunday, April 12th, 2026**

**“Preemptive Radical Inclusion”**

with CB Beal, they/them, joining online

CB is returning to our congregation to share stories and reflections on the framework of Preemptive Radical Inclusion as an entryway to increase equity and justice among ourselves and in the world; a way we embody Beloved Community.

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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.

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**Prelude**

*Troy Fisher (he/him)*

**Morning Song**

*Congregation*

“Be the Change”

Words & music: Michael Sansonia

[congregation]

Be the change. Be the change.

Whatever others do, all the power is in you.

Take the lead. All you need

If you want to change the world, be the change.

[solo]

So much noise and disrespect; we find it every  
place.

Troubles that we don't expect and people in  
your face.

Don't you wish you could make it change?

Don't you wish you knew

If there was something you could do?

[congregation]

Be the change. Be the change.

Whatever others do, all the power is in you.

Take the lead. All you need

If you want to change the world, be the change.

[solo]

There is hatred more and more; it's everywhere

I see,

From the folks who live next door and

Washington, D. C.

If I rail at it all alone

Would my voice get through?

What can one little person do?

[congregation]

Be the change. Be the change.

Whatever others do, all the power is in you.

Take the lead. All you need

If you want to change the world, be the change.

[solo]

You give me bad, I give it back, and 'round and

'round we go.

It only gets worse, that's a guarantee.

But before we have one more attack, here's

what I need to know:

Who will break the circle if not me?

[congregation]

Be the change. Be the change.

Whatever others do, all the power is in you.

Take the lead. All you need

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## **Welcome**

*Des McGahern (he/him)*

## **Chalice Lighting**

“Early Signs of Spring” words of Rev. Brigitte Bechtold

*Des McGahern*

## **Opening Words**

Words from Shari Woodbury

*CB Beal (they/them)*

## **Opening Hymn**

*Congregation*

### **Hymn #188 “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”**

Words: Adapt. From Rumi / Music: Lynn Adair Ungar

Though you’ve broken your vow a thousand  
times.

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times.

Come, come, whoever you are,  
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.

Ours is no caravan of despair.

Come, yet again come.

## **Story for All**

*There’s No Such Thing as a Dragon*, by Jack Kent

*CB Beal*

## **Share the Plate Offering**

*Des McGahern*

## **Offertory**

*Troy Fisher*

**Ritual of Sharing from the Heart**

*Des McGahern*

**Prayerful Practice**

*Des McGahern*

**Musical Response**

*Congregation*

**Hymn #318 “We Would Be One”**

Words: Samuel Anthony Wright / Music: Jean Sibelius

We would be one as now we join in singing  
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew  
to that high cause of greater understanding  
of who we are, and what in us is true.  
We would be one in living for each other  
to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow  
a nobler world than we have known today.  
We would be one in searching for that meaning  
which bends our hearts and points us on our  
way.  
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,  
with love and justice, strive to make us free.

**Reading**

*Des McGahern*

“For Nothing Is Fixed” by James Baldwin

**Part 1: Preemptive**

*CB Beal*

**Musical Interlude**

*Troy Fisher*

**Part 2: Preemptive Radical**

*CB Beal*

**Musical Interlude**

*Troy Fisher*

**Part 3: Preemptive Radical Inclusion**

*CB Beal*

**Closing Hymn**

*Congregation*

**Hymn #1051 “We Are...”**

Words & music: Ysaye M. Barnwell

For each child that's born,  
a morning star rises and  
sings to the universe  
who we are.

For each child that's born,  
a morning star rises and  
sings to the universe  
who we are.

We are our grandmothers' prayers  
and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,  
we are the breath of our ancestors,  
we are the spirit of God.

We are mothers of courage and fathers of time,  
we are daughters of dust and the sons of great  
visions,  
we're sisters of mercy and brothers of love,  
we are lovers of life and the builders of nations,  
we're seekers of truth and keepers of faith,  
we are makers of peace and the wisdom of  
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### **Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice**

*CB Beal*

Words of Craig Rowland

### **Postlude**

*Troy Fisher*

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### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Can you identify concrete things you once believed, and then learned were not true?
2. Do you notice when you privilege your preconceived notions over someone's firsthand experience? What happens in your head and heart when you notice that?

3. CB said, "Radical individualism is a lie perpetuated by a culture designed for patriarchy, white supremacy, and capitalism. And so many of us have bought into or been tricked by the ways these systems lead us to deny ourselves and one another, in the service of power and money..." Are you able to notice when you expect yourself or others to pull themselves up by their bootstraps? How do you push back at the idea of radical individualism in Beloved Community?
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**Today's After-Service Forum (12:15 pm, onsite and online):**

**Faith in Action: Trees as Climate Solutions**

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**Next Sunday, April 19 th 2026, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):**

**"The Possibility of Reconnection" with Rev. Mary Gear**

We celebrate Earth Day with the possibility of reconnection to the interdependent web of all life. We welcome the coming of Spring with a Dirt Communion and an invitation to plant seeds of hope.

**After-Service Forum on April 19th, at 12:15 pm (onsite & online):**

Skill Builder: Appreciating Volunteers with Rev. Sara Lewis

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**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

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**Sunday we will celebrate Earth Day with a dirt communion** in the worship service. All are invited to bring a small amount of soil or dirt from a place special to you to be mingled next week.

**This Friday, April 17th, all are invited for the OUUC Cabaret at 7pm.**

**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/>