



Our spiritual practice for May is **Awakening Curiosity**.

*"Great Doubt, Great Awakening. Little Doubt, Little Awakening. No
Doubt, Fast Asleep."*

~Zen maxim

Sunday, May 10th, 2026

"More Than One Way"

with Rev. Mary Gear

On this Mother's Day, we honor all the ways to mother in a culture that seems to demand only one way.

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

Curt Hill (he/him)

Chalice Lighting

Curt Hill

“With Love for Mothers and Foremothers”
words of Selena Fox

Opening Words

Rev. Mary Gear

“Come together in praise and thanksgivings” words of
Mary J. Harrington

(she/her)

Opening Hymn

Congregation

“For the Weaving of Our Lives”

Words: Amanda Udis-Kessler / Music: Conrad Kocher,
abridged

For the weaving of our lives on the loom of joy
and grace,
Warp of love that holds our hearts, weft of faith
we add each day:
All creation hears our song. We are woven kind
and strong.

For the thread that each of us offers to the
world's design,
Fabric of a thousand hues, heart and hand and
soul and mind:
All creation hears our prayer as we weave a
world of care.

For the web that binds us all gently in its
tangled skein,
Baby's cry and prophet's call, strands of peace
and strands of pain:
Dear creation, may that we yet repair your
tapestry.

Story for All

OUUC Choir

“May There Always Be Sunshine”

Russian Folksong, Arranged by Robert De Cormier

English text by Louise Dobbs

May there always be sunshine,
May there always be blue skies,
May there always be Mama,
May there always be me

Post v seg-da bood-zyet sawn-suh
Post v seg da bood zyet knee-eh-buh
Post v seg-da bood-zyet ma-ma
Post v seg-da boo-doo ya

Sun in the sky, birds flying high,
This is the picture you gave me.
While down below, someone I know
Looks up as though he would say:

May there always be sunshine,
May there always be blue skies,
May there always be Mama,
May there always be me

Post v seg-da bood-zyet sawn-suh
Post v seg da bood zyet knee-eh-buh
Post v seg-da bood-zyet ma-ma
Post v seg-da boo-doo ya

There could be sun for ev'ry one,
There could be wolds filled with laughter,
Peace is the dream.
How close it seems
When you take my hand and you say:

May there always be sunshine,
May there always be blue skies,
May there always be Mama,
May there always be me

Post v seg-da bood-zyet sawn-suh
Post v seg da bood zyet knee-eh-buh
Post v seg-da bood-zyet ma-ma
Post v seg-da boo-doo ya

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Offertory

OUUC Choir

“The Rainbow Connection”

Words & music: Paul Williams and Kenneth L. Ascher

Arranged by Audrey Snyder

Why are there so many songs about rainbows
And what's on the other side?
Rainbows are visions, but only illusions
And rainbows have nothing to hide

So we've been told, and some choose to believe
it
I know they're wrong, wait and see
Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection
The lovers, the dreamers, and me

Who said that every wish would be heard and
answered
When wished on the morning star?
Somebody thought of that, and someone
believed it
Look what it's done so far

What's so amazing that keeps us stargazing
And what do we think we might see?
Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection
The lovers, the dreamers, and me

All of us under its spell
We know that it's probably magic

Have you been half asleep, and have you heard
voices?
I've heard them calling my name
Is this the sweet sound that calls the young
sailors?
The voice might be one and the same

I've heard it too many times to ignore it
It's something that I'm supposed to be
Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection
The lovers, the dreamers, and me

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Ritual of Sharing from the Heart

Rev. Mary Gear

Prayerful Practice

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Response

Congregation

“There is a Love”

Words: Rebecca Parker / Music: Elizabeth Norton

There is a Love holding me.
There is a Love holding all that I love.
There is a Love holding all.
I rest in this Love.

There is a Love holding us.
There is a Love holding all that we love.
There is a Love holding all.
We rest in this Love.

We rest in this Love. Love.

Reading 1

Curt Hill

Excerpt from *Untamed* by Glennon Doyle

Part 1: Only One Way

Rev. Mary Gear

Learn more about white supremacy culture:
<https://www.whitesupremacyculture.info/characteristics.html>

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Reading 2

Curt Hill

“To All Get Free Together” by activist Chris Crass

Part 2: More Than One Way

Rev. Mary Gear

Closing Hymn

Congregation

“Love, Come Take Me Home”

Words: Jan Elicker / Music: Clif Hardin

I've been a traveler on a lonesome road.
Its winding has drawn me away so far from
home.
I turn my footsteps, and hurry on.
But still at the end of the day I am so alone.

So, love come take me home.
Show me the way.
I've wandered for too long,
love come take me home to stay.

One day I'll find an open door,
and open arms inviting me in to belong once
more.
A touch, a smile, a friendly face
will make strangers family in that welcome
place.

So, love come take me home.
Show me the way.
I've wandered for too long,
love come take me home to stay.

No more a traveler, No more to roam,
a circle created by love will be my home.
We'll share that circle and open it wide,
so all weary wandering souls can be safe inside.

So, love come take me home.
Show me the way.
I've wandered for too long,
love come take me home to stay.

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice
“Growing out of Our Comfort” words of Melissa Jeter

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection Questions:

1. Is there someone you are holding in your heart this Mother’s Day?
 2. What is your experience with “only one way?”
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Today’s After-Service Forum (12:15 pm, onsite and online):

No Forum: Happy Mother’s Day!

Next Sunday, May 17th, 2026, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):

“The Future of Church” with Rev. Mary Gear

The media says that religion is in decline and young people are not interested in church. What is the future of faith communities like OUUC?

After-Service Forum on May 17th, at 12:15 pm (onsite & online):

General Assembly & UUA Denominational Affairs with Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee & Rev. Linda Hart

Share the Plate Offering: Our Share the Plate organization for May and June is Enterprise for Equity:

Enterprise for Equity helps people with low incomes to start or strengthen small businesses. They offer intensive training, expert coaching and consultation, a supportive community of entrepreneurs, and access to credit. Enterprise for Equity believes that entrepreneurship can be a pathway out of poverty, a tool for economic justice, and a vehicle for sustainable, community-rooted prosperity.

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 OUUC Annual Auction is live!

The online auction is open, and it is time to start bidding! There are more than 150 creative, unique, tasty, social, artistic, and engaging items in this year's auction. Visit the auction website through the link in our newsletters or on the website. The online auction closes Sunday, May 17 at 5 pm. Return to the website often throughout the week to keep bidding!

The live auction and dinner is Saturday, May 16, at ASHHO Cultural Community Center. Tickets are pay what you can. If you plan to attend and don't have your ticket yet, please buy it today.

<https://www.ouuc.org/give/fundraising-events/auction/>

Find more details on these and other announcements in the Weekly Update:

<https://www.ouuc.org/weekly-update/>