



Our spiritual practice for June is **Flourishing Together**.

“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”

~Mother Teresa

Sunday, June 14th, 2026
“Flourishing Together”

with Rev. Mary Gear

We celebrate the diversity of our community with a flower communion ritual as we explore the spiritual theme of “Flourishing 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

Troy Fisher (he/him)

Morning Song

Congregation/ OUUC

Hymn #368 “Now Let Us Sing”

Choir

Words & Music: Anonymous

Now let us sing, sing, sing
(Sing to the power of the faith within.)

Now let us sing, sing, sing
(Sing to the power of the faith within.)

Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
(Lift up your voice, be not afraid;)

sing to the power of the faith within.
(sing to the power of the faith within.)

Sing to the power of the hope within ...
Sing to the power of the love within. ...
Sing to the power of the joy within. ...

Welcome

Des McGahern (he/him)

Chalice Lighting

Des McGahern

“A Chalice Lighting for Pride Month”
words of Rev. Kimi Floyd Reisch

Opening Words

*Rev. Mary Gear
(she/her)*

“Tending the Flame, Lighting the Way Together”
words of Rev. Tess Baumberger

Opening Hymn

Congregation

“We Shall Be Known”

Words & music: Karisha Longaker of MaMuse

We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these
fires

We shall be known by the ones who sow and
reap

The seeds of change, alive from deep within
the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now, and what a time to be alive
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in
love
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Volunteer Recognition

*Rev. Mary &
Rev. Sara (she/her)*

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate Offering

Des McGahern

Offertory

OUUC Choir

“A Heartsong Blessing”

Words: Mattie J.T. Stepanek / Music: Joseph M.
Martin

Let our breath be gentle wind.
Let our ears be of those who listen.
Let our hearts be love songs for the earth.
Let all our spirits serve,
Bringing hope and peace to all the world.

Let our minds be filled with hope.
Let our hands reach out in kindness.
Let our eyes, with int'rest and respect,
Seek health and happiness,
Let our souls be filled with wonder.

Let us join our hands in this moment.
We are one in heart and voice.
Let us touch the future together.
As we pray and play, as we live each day,
We can change the world with love.

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Ritual of Sharing from the Heart

Rev. Mary Gear

Prayerful Practice

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Response

Congregation

Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”

Words & music: Carolyn McDade, harmony by Grace
Lewis-McLaren

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of
compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of
justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Reading

Des McGahern

“A Bouquet of People” by Claire Feingold Thoryn.

Reflection and Ritual: Flourishing Together

Rev. Mary Gear

Congregation

Closing Hymn

Hymn #305 “De Colores”

Words: David Arkin / Music: Traditional Spanish folk,
arr. By Betty A. Wylder

All the colors, yes, the colors we see in the
springtime with all of its flowers.
All the colors, when the sunlight shines out
through a rift in the cloud and it showers.
All the colors, as a rainbow appears when a
storm cloud is touched by the sun.
All the colors abound for the whole world
around and for ev’ryone under the sun.

All the colors, yes, the colors of people
parading on by with their banners.
All the colors, yes, the colors of pennants and
streamers and plumes and bandannas.
All the colors, yes, the colors of people now
taking their place in the sun.
All the colors abound for the whole world
around and for ev'ryone under the sun.

All the colors, yes, the black and the white and
the red and the brown and the yellow.
All the colors, all the colors of people who
smile and shake hands and say "Hello!"
All the colors, yes, the colors of people who
know that their freedom is won.
All the colors abound for the whole world
around and for ev'ryone under the sun.

De colores, de colores se visten los campos en
la primavera.
De colores, de colores son los pajaritos que
vienen de a fuera.
De colores, de colores es al arco iris que vemos
lucir.
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos
colores me gustan a mi.

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

words of Rev. Jonalu Johnstone

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection Questions:

1. Where have you enjoyed diversity in your life?
 2. What does your flower mean to you today?
 3. What would help you to flourish?
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Today's After-Service Forum (12:15 pm, onsite and online):

Annual Congregational Meeting.

This is the annual business meeting for OUUC. Everyone is welcome; only members can vote. This is the last after-service forum until September.

Next Sunday, June 21st, 2026, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):

“Celebrating Summer Solstice” with Rev. Mary Gear

We celebrate our community by welcoming new members and new leaders. We celebrate the coming of Summer with a solstice ritual.

After-Service Forum on June 21st, at 12:15 pm (onsite & online):

There will be **no more After-Service Forums** until September — Happy Summer!

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 annual meeting is today at 12:15 onsite and on Zoom only (not YouTube).

Today the OUUC members will elect new board and Leadership

Development Committee members, adopt a budget for the next year, get an update on the congregation, and offer gratitude to all who serve.

This will be the last after-service forum until we resume them in September.

Next Sunday, June 21 at 7:00pm the OUUC Choir will present a concert.

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