



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 21st, 2026
“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.

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

Hymn #1074 “Turn the World Around”

Words & music: Harry Belafonte and Robert
Freedman. Arr. Jason Shelton

We come from the fire, living in the fire,
go back to the fire, turn the world around.

We come from the water, living in the water,
go back to the water, turn the world around.

We come from the mountain, living on the
mountain,
go back to the mountain, turn the world
around.

Chorus 1:

Whoa, so is life! Ah, so is life!
Whoa, so is life! Ah, so is life!

Section 1:

Do you know who I am?
Do I know who you are?
See we one another clearly?
Do we know who we are?

Section 2:

Do you know who I am? Do I know who you
are?
See we one another clearly? Do we know who
we are?
Do you know who I am? Do I know who you
are?
See we one another clearly? Do we know who
we are?

Chorus 2:

Whoa, so is life! Abateewah, so is life!
Whoa, so is life! Abateewah, so is life!

Water make the river, river wash the
mountain,
Fire make the sunlight, turn the world
around.

Heart is of the river, body is the mountain,
Spirit is the sunlight, turn the world around.

We are of the spirit, truly of the spirit,
Only can the spirit turn the world around!

Chorus 3:

Whoa, so is life! Abateewah, (ha!) so is life!
Whoa, so is life! Abateewah, (ha!) so is life!

Welcome

*Anne Kohlbry (she/her) &
Steve Burrows (he/him)*

Chalice Lighting

“Summer Solstice Chalice Lighting”
words of Rev. Michelle Collins

Anne Kohlbry

Opening Words

“Father's Day Meditation”
offered by Rod Richards

*Rev. Mary Gear
(she/her)*

Opening Hymn

Hymn #134 “Our World Is One World”

Words & music: Cecily Taylor, arr. By Richard Graves

Congregation

Our world is one world:
what touches one affects us all:
the seas that wash us round about,
the clouds that cover us, the rains that fall.

Our world is one world:
the thoughts we think affect us all:
the way we build our attitudes,
with love or hate, we make a bridge or wall.

Our world is one world:
its ways of wealth affect us all:
the way we spend, the way we share,
who are the rich or poor, who stand or fall?

Our world is one world:
just like a ship that bears us all:
where fear and greed make many holes,
but where our hearts can hear a different call.

**Board of Trustees & Leadership Development
Committee (LDC) Recognition and Installation**

*Sally Alhadeff (she/her) &
Rev. Mary*

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate Offering

Steve Burrows

Offertory

Troy Fisher

New Member Welcome

Caren Smith (she/her)
Kathy Dixon (she/her)
Casey Schumpert (she/they)
Beau Schumpert (he/him)
Maria Consuelo LoVerme (she/her)
Pete Van OoT (he/him)
Rainmaker (she/her))

*Rev. Mary,
Sally Alhadeff &
Rev. Sara (she/her)*

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Ritual of Sharing from the Heart

Rev. Mary Gear

Prayerful Practice

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Response

Congregation

“Becoming”

Words & music: Mary Grigolia

I am who I'm becoming, I am all I have done.
I am what I am dreaming, I've only just
begun.

You are who you're becoming, you are all you
have done.

You are what you are dreaming, you've only
just begun.

We are who we're becoming, we are all we have
done.

We are what we are dreaming, we've only just
begun.

Reading

Anne Kohlbray

"The Solstice Teaches Us" by David Breeden

Summer Solstice

Rev. Mary Gear

Closing Hymn

Congregation

Hymn #73 "Chant for the Seasons"

Words: Mark L. Belletini / Music: Czech folk song, arr.

By Grace Lewis-McLaren

Vernal clouds have turned the starwheel,
summer is upon us.

Vernal clouds have turned the starwheel,
summer is upon us.

Gliding are the hawks, hovering above the hot
and yellow hillside.

Vernal clouds have turned the starwheel,
summer is upon us.

Crickets in the night, chirping in our ears the
sound of moonlit music.

Vernal clouds have turned the starwheel,
summer is upon us.

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection Questions:

1. What keeps your light alive these days?
 2. How do you tend your light?
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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 28th, 2026, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):

“One should never underestimate the healing power of music.” with Troy Fisher, Featuring the OUUC Choir with guest musicians and dancers.

Come enjoy an All-Music Service with the talents of our wonderful choir, under the direction of Troy Arnold Fisher.

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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Tonight at 7:00pm the OUUC Choir will present "A Heartsong Blessing," a concert featuring beloved choir anthems from the past church year. Please join us for a Summer's evening filled with beautiful choral music.

All between the ages of 18-50ish are welcome for the monthly Gen XYZ lunch at 12:30pm in one of the classrooms. Look for Kedo Baye with any questions.

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