When you don't give people the chance to say, "I hurt," they end up saying "I hate". *~Rev. Don Wheat*

Our spiritual practice for November is *"Healing"*.

Sunday, November 22nd, 2026
"Faithful Imagination"

With Rev. Liz Ullery Swenson

All of our lives, including our spiritual lives, have been undermined by productivity. The Industrial Revolution of the 18th century enforced a pragmatic ideology of purposeful efficiency and production on all of western life. A faithful imagination invites us to envision another way where the essence of humanity is more than utilitarian and practical.

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 #309 "Earth Is Out Homeland"
Words: Mark L. Belletini & Helen R. Pickett / Music: Johannes Brahms, Arr. by Fred Bock

> Earth is our homeland: a song of stars, a grace
> wrought of the ages, an opal spun in space!
> Dawn's far blue hill, soft nighttime still, dark
> ocean depth, smooth stone —
> for gifts sublime that hallow time we'll sing,

making deep thanksgiving known.

Word is our glory, our breath of air, our cry!
Parables, letters, or star names in the sky,
or myths that play as poets pray bring meaning to our lives.
For ev'ry praise that hones our days we'll sing, till the final day arrives.

Music is wonder, an alchemy of art,
love's pure enchantment, communion for the heart!
From chants to Psalms, from jazz to Brahms, no soul may stay at rest.
For starry choir in sky afire we'll sing, joined with them in anthem blessed.

Hope is our high star, the certitude love brings;
silence our center, our living water's spring.
Though aching heart know self apart from Whole and Mystery,
for gatherings of strengthening we'll sing,
throughout human history.

Welcome *Curt Hill (he/him)*

Chalice Lighting & Opening Words *Rev. Liz Ullery Swenson (she/her)*
Excerpt from "Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front" by Wendell Berry

Opening Hymn *Congregation*
Hymn #349 "We Gather Together"
Words: Dorothy Caiger Senghas & Robert E. Senghas /
Music: Adrian Valerius, Arr. by Edward Kremser

We gather together in joyful thanksgiving,
acclaiming creation, whose bounty we share;
both sorrow and gladness we find now in our

living,
we sing a hymn of praise to the life that we bear.

We gather together to join in the journey,
confirming, committing our passage to be
a true affirmation, in joy and tribulation,
when bound to human care and hope — then we
are free.

Story for All — *Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)*
Frederick by Leo Leonni

Musical Interlude — *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering — *Curt Hill*

Offertory — *OUUC Choir /*
"For This Joy" — *Clarinet - Linda Gerard*
Words: Charles Anthony Silvestri / Music: Lobe Den Herren, Arranged by Susan Labarr

Today we are not projecting the lyrics, please enjoy the music

Praise for the sun, who by day gives us warmth
and enlightens;
Praise for the moon, who the darkest night
cheerfully brightens;
Each glitt'ring star shining from ages afar,
Driving away all that frightens.

Praise for the sky under heaven that widely
contains us;
Our fertile earth, and her harvest that gently
sustains us;
Birds on the wing, lifting their voices to sing,
Free us from all that restrains us.

Our tender hearts, which so wondrously in chambers deeping,
(Can) cherish the joys of new love and, at death's call, the weeping.
Sorrow and pain turn to rejoicing again;
Love now in memory keeping.

Praise for this joy in our hearts as we sing of creation!
Wondrous are all things from firmament down to foundation!
Joyful our praise as all our voices we raise,
Singing in glad celebration!

Ritual of Sharing from the Heart *Rev. Sara Lewis*

Prayerful Practice *Rev. Liz Ullery Swenson*

Musical Response *Congregation*
Hymn #1002 "Comfort Me"
Words & music: Mimi Bornstein-Doble

Comfort me, comfort me,
comfort me, oh my soul.
Comfort me, comfort me,
comfort me, oh my soul.

Sing with me, sing with me…
Speak for me, speak for me…
Dance with me, dance with me…

Reading *Curt Hill*
Excerpt from "Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front" by Wendell Berry

Sermon: Faithful Imagination *Rev. Liz Ullery Swenson*

Closing Hymn *Congregation*

"Come with Me"

Words & music: Penny Blake

When it's dark, light a candle for kindness;
When it's dark, light a candle with love.
When it's dark, light a candle for me and for you.
Light a candle; its light will see us through.

Come with me, let's shine the light,
For in our hands lies hope tonight.
Come with me, the path is clear:
A land of hope is very near.

We have spent many days, many hours,
Fearing those that would tear us apart.
Light a candle and counter the hate and the fear,
And with courage we'll face the day anew.

Come with me, let's shine the light,
For in our hands lies hope tonight.
Come with me, the path is clear:
A land of peace is very near.

Come with me, let's shine the light,
For in our hands lies hope tonight.
Come with me, the path is clear:
A land of love is very near.

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice *Rev. Liz Ullery Swenson*

Excerpt from "Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front" by Wendell Berry

Postlude *Troy Fisher*

Reflection Questions:

1. What do you do in your daily life that has no definable purpose?

2. In what ways have you "lost your mind" so the generals and politicos cannot predict your motions?
3. Do you have space in your life for creativity and imagination?

The After-Service Forum today at 12:15: No After Service Forum

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Next Sunday, November 29nd, 2026, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):

"Next Door, Across Borders, and Worldwide" with Rev. Mary & Rev. Sara We kick off the annual service to celebrate and support the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). Come join in as we bring our justice work from around the world into our community. The **sermon was pre-recorded by Rev. Mary Katherine Morn**, President and Lead Executive Officer of the UUSC.

Share the Plate Offering: Our Share the Plate organization for November and December is **LISO, Legal Immigration Services of Olympia**:

"LISO is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free, high-quality legal services to immigrants in detention. They advocate for those facing deportation, bringing dignity, due process, and human rights into a system that often denies them. Based here in Olympia, LISO, in conjunction with a collaborative community effort, serves individuals held at the Northwest ICE Processing Center in Tacoma—one of the largest immigration detention facilities in the country."

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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At 12:15 today, instead of a forum, we will be decorating the sanctuary and commons for the holidays.

Also at 12:15 today the Generation XYZ lunch will be held in a classroom. If you are between the ages of 18-50ish, you are welcome to join. Look for Kedo Baye with any questions.

At 2-3:30pm today all who are interested in learning more about OUUC or becoming a member are welcome at the **New UU/New Member class**. Today's topic is "How We Care for Each Other", with Rev. Mary

This week's opportunity of the week is **The Sewing Ministry.** The Sewing Ministry creates sewed items in support of OUUC's ministry, such as wall hangings for the sanctuary, lap quilts for folks who could use a "warm hug," pride flags, stoles, and items for the annual fundraising auction. They welcome sewists of all skill levels, usually on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 12:30 – 3:30. Sewing Ministry also hosts a Sit and Stitch gathering where you can bring your own projects to work on, on the 1st Tuesday of the month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. You can chat with members of the Sewing Ministry in The Commons after the service.

This Thursday is Thanksgiving, and we will be hosting our annual Thanksgiving Potluck, at 2pm. Rev Sara needs help setting up starting at 12:45, and she will be in the Commons today during coffee hour with her computer to help people sign up on the sign up genius with what food they will bring. Reach out to her with any questions.

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