



**March Theme: Equity**

*“When we identify where our privilege intersects with somebody else's oppression,  
we'll find our opportunities to make real change.”*

~ Ijeoma Oluo

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**Sunday, March 31, 2024**

**“Love Lives Again”**

with Rev. Mary Gear, Rev. Sara Lewis, and Troy Fisher

On this Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Spring holidays of  
resurrection and new life.

Flowers provided by the Knudson family in memory of Jim  
(7-7-42 to 3-28-23) and with much gratitude to Rev. Mary  
and all the support from this congregation.

**Prelude** *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

**Morning Song** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #1000 “Morning Has Come”**

Words & Music: Jason Shelton

**Welcome** *Des McGahern  
(he/him)*

**Lighting the Chalice** *Des McGahern*

“Like the First Hint of Green” by Jennifer McGlothlin

**Opening Words** *Rev. Mary Gear  
(she/her)*

“Love Brings Us Back to Life” by Peggy Clarke

**Opening Hymn** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn #268 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Lyra Davidica

**Story** *Rev. Mary Gear*

“Ishtar and Tammuz: An Ancient Babylonian Story of  
Love and Death” as retold by Sara Lewis

**Musical Interlude** *Troy Fishers*

**Reflection: Love Lives Again, Part 1** *Rev. Sara Lewis  
(she/her)*

**Musical Interlude** *Troy Fisher*

**Share the Plate Offering** *Des McGahern*

**Offertory** *Troy Fisher*

**Ritual of Sharing From the Heart** *Rev. Mary Gear*

**Prayerful Practice** *Rev. Mary Gear*

**Musical Response** *OUUC Choir*

“Blessing in the Leaving”

Poem: Jan Richardson / Music: Susan LaBarr

**Story** *Rev. Sara Lewis*

“The Easter Story” by Sue Andrews

**Musical Interlude** *Troy Fisher*

**Reflection: Love Lives Again, Part 2** *Rev. Mary Gear*

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## Closing Hymn

*Troy Fisher*

### Hymn #266 “Now the Green Blade Riseth”

Words: John MacLeod Campbell Crum

Music: Medieval French carol, harmony by Marcel Dupre

## Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

*Rev. Mary Gear*

with the words of Joel Miller

## Postlude

*Troy Fisher*

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### Reflection questions:

- Do you feel life returning these days?
- Are there holy days that you celebrate this time of year? How do you mark those holy days?

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There will be no After-Service Forum today. Instead, children are invited to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt down the street at Burri Park!

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### Next Sunday, April 7, 2024: “The Interdependent Web” with Rev. Mary Gear

Our theology claims that we are part of an interdependent web of existence, and we humans are just one part. How do we live and work for justice in a culture that worships rugged individualism?

**Communicate to Connect: A Workshop of Skills and Approaches for Productive Conversations to Preserve and Develop Connections.** On Sunday, April 7, 12-2pm, the Healthy Congregations Team will host speakers from the Dispute Resolution Center for a training on how to communicate to connect, a skill building workshop to help build bridges across differences. A light lunch will be provided between service and workshop. Come join us for growth and fellowship!

**Share the Plate Offering:** Our Share the Plate organization for March and April is the Hawk Foundation.

The Hawk Foundation for Research and Education in African Culture dedicates itself to the promotion of education, holistic health and trauma healing in the African American community, with recognition that when one is healed it touches those around them. The Hawk provides African and African American music and history education for their various Thurston County School partners. Also, they provide evidence based African drum facilitation with juvenile detention centers.

If you write a check, please note "pledge" if it is a pledge payment. Other donations will benefit the Share the Plate program.

- Checks can be mailed to OUUC at: 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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**We're well on our way to the stewardship goal this month.** As of Saturday, 3/30, there are 174 pledges committing to \$418,036. Thank you to those who have pledged so far! And if you have not pledged yet or if you have questions, visit the Stewardship table in the Commons after the service or visit the website: <https://www.ouuc.org/giving/pledging/>

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

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