



April Theme: Interdependence

“You carry Mother Earth within you. She is not outside of you. Mother Earth is not just your environment. In that insight of inter-being, it is possible to have real communication with the Earth, which is the highest form of prayer.”

~ Thich Nhat Hanh

Sunday, April 21, 2024
“Spring Contemplation”
with Rylee Uhrich

Spring is a time of softer rain, milder temperatures, warming soils, and sprouting seeds. For this week's Earth Day service, we will go on a spring-time journey together with the seeds. We will explore what it takes to become ready to sprout, to put down roots, and to send up leaves.

Prelude	<i>Troy Fisher (he/him)</i>
Morning Song “My Roots Go Down” Words & Music: Sarah Pirtle	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Welcome	<i>Alicia Seegers Martinelli (she/her)</i>
Auction Announcement: “Reach the Sky”	<i>Alicia Seegers Martinelli</i>
Lighting the Chalice	<i>Rylee Uhrich (they/she)</i>
Opening Words	<i>Rylee Uhrich</i>
In Memoriam: Ken Yeo and Pat Sonnenstuhl	<i>Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)</i>

Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Opening Hymn “The Garden Song” Words & Music: David Mallett, arr. Jim Scott	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Meditation One: Sprout	<i>Rylee Uhrich</i>
Story For All “The Empty Pot” by Demi	<i>Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Share the Plate Offering	<i>Alicia Seegers Martinelli</i>
Offertory “Something Beautiful” Lyrics: Lynn Ahrens / Music: Stephen Flaherty	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Meditation Two: Roots	<i>Rylee Uhrich</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Ritual of Sharing From the Heart	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
Prayerful Practice	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
Musical Response Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life” Words & Music: Carolyn McDade, harmony by Grace Lewis-McLaren	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Meditation Three: Leaves	<i>Rylee Uhrich</i>
Closing Hymn Hymn #1068 “Rising Green” Words & Music: Carolyn McDade, arr. Jim Scott	<i>Troy Fisher</i>

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Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

with the words of Ursula K. LeGuin

Rylee Uhrich

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- Are there ways that you are sprouting right now?
 - What are some things you enjoy about the spring season?
 - How did you feel about this contemplative style of service?
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Today's After-Service Forum (11:30 am): Faith in Action Annual Review

Next Sunday, April 28, 2024: "How Are We To Live?" with Rev. Mary Gear

Unitarian Universalism values the inherent worth and dignity of all humans. What if we were to expand that to include all beings, the interdependent web of life?

April 28 After-Service Forum (11:30 am): Money and The Future of OUUC with the Board of Trustees

Thank you to all who contributed to OUUC's stewardship drive this year. As of yesterday, there are 224 pledges committing to \$471,600. While this is great news, we are still far short of our goal of \$571,446. What are we going to do about the gap? Join the Board of Trustees after the service next Sunday for a discussion about the future of OUUC. And if you haven't pledged yet, you still can on the OUUC website: <https://www.ouuc.org/giving/pledging/> or contact the office.

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

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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OUUC auction: Reach the Sky

Don't miss OUUC's live auction and dinner gathering at ASSHO Cultural Community Center. Gather and enjoy delicious Indian cuisine at this valuable local resource center creating positive change for BIPOC, under-served, and marginalized folks through trainings, events, and community resources.

Buy tickets by April 26th so we have an accurate count for dinner. All are welcome! Purchase tickets now on a pay-what-you-can basis. <https://auctria.com/auction/OUUC>

Auction donations are due today, Sunday, April 21st— simply complete the form online (same link as above).

Together we'll create an evening that is out of this world!

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