



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 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?

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

“A Place in the Choir”

Words & Music: Bill Staines

Welcome *Anne Kohlbray (she/her)*

Lighting the Chalice *Anne Kohlbray*

“Alive in All Creation” by Shari Woodbury

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

“Within the Miracles: Pondering Earth Day”

by Jennifer Pratt-Walter

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #203 “All Creatures of the Earth and Sky”

Words: attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Music: from *Ausserlesene Catholische Kirchengesang*,
adapt. and harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sharing Credo: “A few things I do know” *Karin Landsberg (she/her)*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Anne Kohlbray*

Offertory *OUUC Choir*

“You Rescued Me”

Words & Music: Jake Tidmore

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

Prayerful Practice *Rev. Mary Gear*

Musical Response *OUUC Choir*

“The Rainbow Connection”

Words & Music: Paul Williams and Kenneth L. Ascher, arranged by Audrey Snyder

Story For All *Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)*

“The Spider and the Very Important Person”

by Diana Davies

Part 1: Theology *Rev. Mary Gear*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Reflection *Maddy Martinelli (she/her)*

Part 2: How Are We To Live? *Rev. Mary Gear*

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Closing Hymn

Troy Fisher

Hymn #1053 “How Could Anyone”

Words & Music: Libby Roderick

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- Do you feel a connection to other beings on this Earth? Who and how?
 - What are your values regarding the interconnected web of life?
 - How do you live your life in ways that reflect your values?
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Today's After-Service Forum (11:30 am): "Falling Short — Looking Ahead," a discussion about the future of OUUC with our Board of Trustees

Next Sunday, May 5, 2024: “Embrace Our Differences” with Rev. Mary Gear

This month we explore the spiritual theme of “Pluralism,” the last of the UU values proposed as the foundation of our faith. What does it mean to be in a diverse community, and how do we not just tolerate but celebrate our differences?

May 5 After-Service Forum (11:30 am): Delegates to the UUA General Assembly

Hunger Walk: Join us at Huntamer Park in Lacey on May 5th at 3pm for this year's Hunger Walk. All ages, abilities, and leashed dogs welcome! Enjoy live music and camaraderie as we walk to push back on Hunger in our community. Can't attend? You can donate online to support our goal of \$3000. Look for Barb Carey or Karmel Shields on the OUUC team with any questions.

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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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

Our **Online Auction** is now live, featuring a galaxy of handmade items, unique experiences, and more! Visit <https://auctria.com/auction/OUUC> to place your bids. Don't forget to check back throughout the week to ensure you're still in the running! Bidding closes next Sunday at 5 PM.

The **Live Auction** and dinner event is next Saturday from 5-8 PM at ASHCO Cultural Center in Tumwater. This is more than just an important fundraiser; it's a chance for our community to come together, enjoy a delicious dinner and live entertainment, and bid on highly desirable items not available in the online auction. Tickets are still available, with the deadline extended to tomorrow. Purchase yours today and help us 'Reach the Sky' for our best auction ever!

And don't miss your chance to win the **beautiful king-size quilt**, lovingly sewn by our Sewing Ministry and displayed in our sanctuary. Raffle tickets will be sold in the Commons after today's service and at Thursday's community dinner. The lucky winner will be announced at the Live Auction on May 4th.