



## May Spiritual Theme: Pluralism

*Inclusivity is not “how do we make you a part of what we are?”  
but “how do we become more of what you are?”*

~ angel Kyodo williams Sensei

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**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

**“For All the Mothers”**

with Rev. Mary Gear

This Mother’s Day, we celebrate mothers and mothering in all its forms,  
from Mother Earth to non-binary parents.

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

**Morning Song** *OUUC Choir and*  
**“Draw the Circle Wide”** *Congregation*

Words: Gordon Light / Music: Mark A. Miller

**Welcome** *Anne Radford (she/her)*

**Lighting the Chalice** *Anne Radford*

with the words of Claudene (Deane) Oliva

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

**Opening Hymn** *Troy Fisher*

**“We Are...”**  
Words & Music: Ysaye M. Barnwell

**A Ritual for Mother’s Day** *Rev. Mary Gear*

“Those Who Gave Us Life” by Rev. Linda Hart

**Musical Interlude** *Troy Fisher*

**Share the Plate Offering** *Anne Radford*

**Offertory** *Troy Fisher*

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

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

**Musical Response** *OUUC Choir*

“Where the Light Begins”

Words: Jan Richardson / Music: Susan LaBarr

**Reading 1** *Anne Radford*

“For All the Mothers” by Rev. Lindasusan Ulrich

**Part 1: All the Mothers** *Rev. Mary Gear*

**Musical Interlude** *Troy Fisher*

**Reading 2** *Anne Radford*

“Psalm 29: The earth speaks in the storm”

by Barbara Gibson

**Part 2: Mother Earth** *Rev. Mary Gear*

**Closing Hymn** *Troy Fisher*

**Hymn # 1026 “If Every Woman in the World”**

Words: Karen MacKay & Nancy L. Nordlie

Music: Karen McKay, arr. by Jerome Kyles

**Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice** *Rev. Mary Gear*

from Rev. Victoria Weinstein

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 online and in-person.  
Hearing assistance devices are available in the sanctuary at the tech desk.

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**Reflection questions:**

- Is there someone you are holding in your heart this Mother's Day?
  - How do you experience a connection to Mother Earth?
  - Is there a way that you mark this day?
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For more information about Mama's Bailout, a black-led collective of organizers who work to pay bail for mothers in jail: <https://www.nationalbailout.org/>

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**There is no After-Service Forum today — Happy Mothers' Day!**

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**Next Sunday, May 19, 2024:**

"Learning from Marine Mammals" with Rev. Sara Lewis

Inspired by the book Undrowned: Black Feminist Lessons from Marine Mammals by Alexis Pauline Gumbs, Rev. Sara will explore wisdom and practices for thriving as humans we can learn from our marine mammal cousins.

*May 19 After-Service Forum (11:30 am):* Volunteer Appreciation Game Show

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**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 May and June is the Crisis Clinic of Thurston & Mason Counties.

The Crisis Clinic of Thurston & Mason Counties is committed to building a community that is better prepared to understand and respond compassionately to people in crisis. Your help will support 24/7 Crisis Intervention Services, the Teen/Youth Helpline, and presentations to middle and high schools throughout Thurston and Mason Counties in Suicide Awareness and Prevention.

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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**The Sabbatical Committee is very pleased to announce that the OUUC Board has hired Rev. Monica Jacobson-Tenessen as our half-time Sabbatical Minister, to serve during Rev. Mary's sabbatical that begins June 16.**

Rev. Monica has been serving as a consulting minister at OUUC, providing support in governance and stewardship, and preaching every other month. While Rev. Mary is away, Rev. Monica will continue to work with the Board, lead worship monthly, and support OUUC's staff and the Worship Arts Team.

Rev. Monica is deeply rooted in Pacific Northwestern UUism and currently serves part-time at Community UU Church in Pasco, Washington. Recently, she offered sabbatical ministry for her home congregation in Corvallis, Oregon during their Minister's time away.

If you have questions about Rev. Mary's Sabbatical, you can speak to any member of the Sabbatical Committee: Curtis Tanner, Dan Donahue, Tiffany Felch, Kirsten Hill, and Polly Taylor, or email them at [sabbatical@ouuc.org](mailto:sabbatical@ouuc.org)

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