



June Spiritual Theme: Renewal

*All you can do for another person is be an environment in which
if they wanted to come up for air, they could.*

~ Ram Dass

Sunday, June 9, 2024

“Renewing Community”

with Rev. Mary Gear

As we explore the monthly spiritual theme of renewal, join us as we practice the annual ritual of flower communion. In this month of LGBTQI+ Pride, we honor our diversity and renew our commitment to building an inclusive community.

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1059 “May Your Life Be As a Song”

Words: Jim Scott / Music: Yuri Zaritsky

Welcome *Curt Hill (he/him)*

Lighting the Chalice *Curt Hill*

with the words of Rev. Meg Barnhouse

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

adapted from the words of Rev. Sarah Schurr

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #78 “Color and Fragrance”

Words & Music: Norbert F. Capek,

English version by Grace Ulp

Story For All: The Flower Communion Story *Curt Hill*

by Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Curt Hill*

Offertory *OUUC Choir, with Randy*

“Run, Mary, Run” *Groestick (Percussion) &*

Traditional Spiritual arranged by Brian Tate *Anna Garrett (Soprano solo)*

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

Prayerful Practice *Rev. Mary Gear*

with words by Rev. Christine Dance

Musical Response *OUUC Choir, with Karl*

“Truly Brave,” Arranged by Mac Huff, from: *Johnson (Baritone solo),*

“True Colors,” Words & Music: Billy Steinberg and *Liz Clement (Alto solo), &*

Tom Kelly / “Brave,” Words & Music: Sara Bareilles *Randy Groestick*

and Jack Antonoff *(Percussion)*

Reading 1 *Curt Hill*

from [The Maid](#), by Nita Prose

Part 1: Renewing Community *Rev. Mary Gear*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Reading 2 *Curt Hill*

“We Will Be Renewed” by Pat Uribe-Lichty

Part 2: Flower Ceremony *Rev. Mary Gear*

Hymn #402 “From You I Receive”

Words & Music: Joseph and Nathan Segal

Hymn #396 “I Know This Rose Will Open”

Words & Music: Mary E. Grigolia

Blessing by Rev. Dr. Petr Samojský

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Closing Hymn

Troy Fisher

Hymn #352 “Find a Stillness”

Words: Carl G. Seagurg

Music: Transylvanian hymn tune

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Mary Gear

with the words of Rev. Jonalu Johnstone

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- Where are you finding beauty in your life these days?
- When have you experienced the gifts of variety and diversity?
- What gifts do you have to share?

Today’s After-Service Forum: OUUC Annual Congregational Meeting, 11:45 am.

For those onsite, the Board of Trustees has provided finger food so we can all be fully present for the meeting. While only members can vote, everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Rosie will be on-site and available to answer questions about membership.

For the full agenda and more details on each topic to be addressed, go to:

<https://www.ouuc.org/2024-congregational-meeting/>

Next Sunday, June 16, 2024:

“Renewing Curiosity” with Rev. Monica Jacobson Tennesen

As we install newly elected leaders and send Rev. Mary off for her sabbatical, a time of rest and renewal, we’ll consider together what practices we’re all invited to during this next season in the life of OUUC. One simple, complicated, idea is the practice of curiosity about what may open up in this time.

No more After-Service Forums from June 16 through August!

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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.

The OUUC Choir’s spring concert, “Where the Light Begins,” will be Sunday, June 16th at 7pm. Come join us for a wonderful evening of choral music.

Rev. Mary’s sabbatical is nearly upon us. Thank you to everyone who has submitted a card so far, these will be given to Rev. Mary at our send-off ritual next week. The Sabbatical Committee will be collecting cards until 10am next Sunday. Please look for the colorful box and blank cards in the Commons. If you mail a card, please send it ASAP and mark "Sabbatical send off" on the envelope so it will be included.

For more info on Rev. Mary’s sabbatical, please check out the kiosk in the Commons, talk to a member of the Sabbatical Committee (look for their teal "SabComm" badges after today’s service), or visit the sabbatical page on the OUUC website: <https://www.ouuc.org/sabbatical/>

Find more details on these and other announcements in the Weekly Update:

<https://www.ouuc.org/who-we-are/publications/weekly-update/>