



Our spiritual invitation for summer is **Slowing Down**.

*“Slow down” seems like the wrong thing to do when there’s fire on the mountain.
But here’s the point: in “hurrying up” all the time, we often lose sight of the
abundance of resources that might help us meet today’s most challenging crises.*

~ Bayo Akomolafe

Sunday, July 7, 2024

“Hearing Prophetic Voices”

with Rev. Carol McKinley

The longing for justice, equity, and peace is not new; ancient peoples expressed their hopes in myths, songs, and stories. Yet prophets who warned of looming dangers were shunned, much as today’s prophets whose warnings of social and environmental threats are ignored or belittled. How do we open ourselves to hear their truths and respond with courage?

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1000 “Morning Has Come”

Words & Music: Jason Shelton

Welcome *Curtis Tanner (he/him)*

Lighting the Chalice & Sabbatical Candle *Curtis Tanner*

with the words of Rev. Sara LaWall

Opening Words *Rev. Carol McKinley*

by Rev. Rebekah Savage *(she/her)*

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1018 “Come and Go with Me”

Words & Music: African-American spiritual, slavery period, arr. by Kenny Smith

Story for All *Curtis Tanner and*

adapted from “Olympia Brown – A Voice and a Vote”

by Janeen K Grohsmeyer *Janet Spencer (she/her)*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Curtis Tanner*

Offertory *Troy Fisher*

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart *Rev. Carol McKinley*

Prayerful Practice *Rev. Carol McKinley*

with words from the Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto

Musical Response *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #155 “Circle ‘Round for Freedom”

Words & Music: Linda Hirschhorn

Reading 1 *Curtis Tanner*

from adrienne maree brown

Reading 2 *Rev. Carol McKinley*

from the late Senator John Lewis

Sermon: Hearing Prophetic Voices *Rev. Carol McKinley*

Closing Hymn *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #1028 “The Fire of Commitment”

Words: Mary Katherine Morn / Music: Jason Shelton

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice *Rev. Carol McKinley*

with the words of the Rev. Rebekah Savage

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Reflection questions:

- Do you find themes in ancient myths and stories reflected in life today?
- Why do you feel these ancient themes continue to find meaning?
- Why is democracy meaningful to you?
- What thoughts do you have for ways to be involved in today's events?

Next Sunday, July 14, 2024: "Weaving Our Lives" recorded worship service from the 2024 General Assembly of the UUA, to be streamed both in the OUUC sanctuary and via our usual Zoom link, but *NOT* on YouTube.

We are all tangled up together in a great web of life that is woven with beauty and hardship, love and loss, thriving and struggle. How do we tend well to the weaving so that all of us are held in care?

Rev. Molly Housh Gordon will be joined by Violet Vonder Haar, Jamila Bachelder, Rev. Leon Dunkely, Rev. Eric Kaminetsky, Rev. Joan Javier-Duvall, Rev. Jordinn Nelson Long, Rev. Aaron Wisman, Rev. Sadie Lansdale, and Rev. Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan.

Featuring musicians: Natasha Steinmacher, GA Music Coordinator; Lea Morris; Francisco Ruiz; beheld; Violet Vonder Haar; Paul Winchester; and choirs from All Souls Unitarian Church, Indianapolis, IN; First Parish in Concord, MA; First Parish UU in Lexington, MA; First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI; UU Fellowship in Athens, GA; UU Fellowship of Poughkeepsie, NY; UU Church in Cherry Hill, NJ; UU Church in Reston, VA; and UU of Minnetonka, MN.

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.

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/>

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