



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 21, 2024

“Grounded in Our Values”

with Rylee Uhrich

In response to the UU General Assembly earlier this summer, Rylee explores values, ideals and change as part of our UU tradition.

Speaker Bio: Rylee is a social worker at Community Youth Services.

She is also a UU ministry student and remains curious about where her call to ministry will lead her next. Rylee lives in Olympia and is a member of OUUC.

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Troy Fisher*

“The Heart of It All”

Words & Music: Herb Tyson

Welcome *Curt Hill (he/him)*

Lighting the Chalice & Sabbatical Candle *Curt Hill*

“The Stars in the Pews” by Erik Walker Wikstrom

Opening Words *Rylee Uhrich (they/she)*

Opening Hymn *Troy Fisher*

“Here Together”

Words & Music: David M. Glasgow

Story for All *Curt Hill*

“The Sign of the Tassel” a folktale from Iraq

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Curt Hill*

Offertory *Dennis McDermot*

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart *Rylee Uhrich*

Prayerful Practice *Rylee Uhrich*

Musical Response *Troy Fisher*

Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”

Words & Music: Carolyn McDade,

Harmony by Grace Lewis-McLaren

Readings & Message, Part 1: *Rylee Uhrich & Curt Hill*

“History and Perspective on Article 2 Revisions”

with excerpts from Rev. Eugene Pickett’s speech at the 1979 General Assembly of the UUA, Rev. Walter Royal Jones’s quote in a UUWorld article from 2000, and Rev. Diane Miller’s 2023 UUWorld article

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Reading *Rylee Uhrich*

from “Constellations of Our Lives”

by Karen G. Johnston

Message, Part 2: “Values and Ideals” *Rylee Uhrich*

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Closing Hymn

Troy Fisher

Hymn #1064 “Blue Boat Home”

Words: Peter Mayer / Music: Roland Hugh Prichard,
Keyboard arr. Jason Shelton

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Rylee Uhrich

with the words of Mary Edes

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- Have you been involved in the Article 2 revision process? Are you impacted by this change?
- How do you define your values personally?
- How do you share your values with the OUUC community?

Next Sunday, July 28, 2024:

“Tools for the Revolution” with Rev. Monica Jacobson-Tennessen

A revolution is a momentous change, and we’re certainly at the very least in a season of flux in our country now. What spiritual tools do we need to live, and to work for a better world, in these times?

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/>

Share the Plate Offering: Our Share the Plate organization for July and August is the South Sound Reading Foundation.

Since 2001, the South Sound Reading Foundation has brought the joy and promise of books and reading to all our region’s children. Approximately 82% of the people served are low income, and those who might otherwise struggle with reading and learning. Because many families have transportation challenges, South Sound Reading Foundation works with community partners to bring needed programs and opportunity to families.

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.

A note from Teve:

Dearest friends,

Today will be my last time at OUUC. I’m off to college soon, and will miss you all very much. To celebrate you, and to find closure with my time here, I’m hosting a **potluck after the service at Burri Park**, down the street from OUUC. Any and all are welcome. Bring food and/or games if you like, and **please bring your own plate and silverware**, as OUUC stuff can't leave the building.

Thank you everyone for welcoming me into your community. It was wonderful.

sincerely and gratefully yours,

Teve 🌳

(For anyone who can't attend this potluck and would like to send your well wishes another way, you can request Teve’s contact info from the OUUC office.)

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