



Our spiritual practice for September is **Invitation**.

“It really is about putting love into practice: if justice is what love looks like in public, then inclusion is what love looks like among groups.”

~ Matthew Johnson

Sunday, September 8, 2024

“Merging Streams, Transforming Lives”

with Rev. Sara Lewis and Rev. Carol McKinley

We come together at OUUC this Sunday for a double celebration – to welcome new members and participate in our annual Water Communion!

All are invited to bring a small amount of water from the places in your lives that hold special meaning, symbolizing that even as we may travel as separate streams during the summer, we unite in September as one community. Together, we begin the journey to transformation.

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Congregation*

Hymn #1056 “Thula Klizeo” (Too lah klih zee yo)

Words & Music: Joseph Shahalala

Welcome *Anne Radford (she/her)*

Lighting the Chalice & Sabbatical Candle *Anne Radford*

with words from Gather the Spirit, Tapestry of Faith,
Unitarian Universalist Association

Opening Words *Rev. Carol McKinley*

“Here to Transform” by Rev. Dr. David Breeden *(she/her)*

Opening Hymn

Hymn #1046 “Shall We Gather at the River”

Words & Music: Robert Lowry

Welcoming New Members:

Anita Thomson (she/her)

John Kelly (he/him)

Wendy Steffensen (she/her)

Anita Kraft (she/they)

Timothy Leadingham (he/him)

Vanessa Gardner Nagel (she/her)

Mary Kun (she/her)

Mike Kun (he/him)

Congregation

*Rev. Carol McKinley,
Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her),
and Susan Moon (she/her)*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Anne Radford*

Offertory *Troy Fisher*

“You’ve Got a Friend in Me” by Randy Newman

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

Prayerful Practice *Rev. Carol McKinley*

Musical Response *OUUC Choir*

“93 Million Miles”

Words & Music: Jason Mraz, Michael Natter, and

Mike Daly / Arranged: Susan LaBarr

Reading: History of Water Communion *Anne Radford*

Homily, Part 1 *Rev. Sara Lewis*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Water Communion *Rev. Sara Lewis and*

Rev. Carol McKinley

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.

Homily, Part 2

Rev. Carol McKinley

Closing Hymn

Congregation

Hymn #323 “Break Not the Circle”

Words: Fred Kaan / Music: Thomas Benjamin

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Carol McKinley

adapted from “On Inviting in Liberating Love”

Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- Reflect on the time you became a member of this Unitarian Universalist congregation or another. How has that changed your life?
- Where have you seen the power of water?
- Have you ever experienced being without water so that your life or that of others was endangered?

After today’s service, we encourage carpools over to Squaxin Park for our annual All OUUC Picnic. Today, noon to 2pm, at the Rose Garden shelter, it’s a potluck picnic for all ages, including fun, music, and games!

Next Sunday, September 15, 2024:

“The Circle of Welcome” with Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee

As UU’s we often talk of the value in belonging to a loving community. Let’s explore how we invite others into our community, and why it is that this is so important to us.

After-Service Forum (11:30 am): One Parish, One Prisoner — Faith in Action

Share the Plate Offering: Our Share the Plate organization for September and October is All Kids Win.

All Kids Win envisions a community in which hunger never gets in the way of student success. Created in April 2006, when caring community volunteers recognized a weekend food security gap in local middle and high school students, they currently provide weekend food bags to more than 1100 students per week during the school year. This food provides a basic need to students in Thurston County.

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.

OUUC’s expanded TWO-day Books, Brownies, & Beans extravaganza is coming soon — all day Friday AND Saturday, Oct 25 and 26, where we will be raising (hopefully!) more money than ever before — to benefit the same 3 wonderful organizations as last year: OlyEcosystems, Interfaith Works, and ASHHO Cultural Community Center. More info at <https://www.ouuc.org/books>

Book donations are now welcome and book sorting for the sale happens every Tuesday evening. Be sure to find the BBB display in the Commons and check out the MANY fun ways you can help make our 21st annual community book sale a HUGE success!

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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