



Our spiritual practice for October is **Deep Listening**.

“Listening to both sides of a story will convince you that there is more to a story than both sides.” ~ Frank Tyger

Sunday, October 13, 2024

“Reimagining Counterculture for Today”

with Rev. Sara Lewis

Our 2024-25 annual theme says, “We’re a counter-cultural congregation focused on love, justice, and health. We put our values into practice.”

What does it mean to be countercultural today?

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Congregation*

Hymn #1008 “When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place”

Words & Music: Joyce Poley,
Keyboard arr. Lorne Kellett

Welcome *Curt Hill (he/him)*

Lighting the Chalice & Sabbatical Candle *Curt Hill*

“The Great Turning” by Rev. Lisa Garcia-Sampson

Opening Words *Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)*

“Community Means Strength” by Starhawk

Opening Hymn *Congregation*

“We Shall Be Known”

Words & Music: Kashira Longaker

Story for All *Rev. Sara Lewis*

“Henry Builds a Cabin” by D.B. Johnson

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Curt Hill*

Offertory *Troy Fisher*

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart *Rev. Sara Lewis*

Prayerful Practice *Rev. Sara Lewis*

Musical Response *OUUC Choir*

Words & Music: Paul Simon, Arr. Mac Huff

Reading 1 *Curt Hill*

from Living in a World That Can't Be Fixed,
Reimagining Counterculture Today by Curtis White

Part 1: Critiquing Our Culture *Rev. Sara Lewis*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Reading 2 *Curt Hill*

from Living in a World That Can't Be Fixed,
Reimagining Counterculture Today by Curtis White

Part 2: Offering An Alternative *Rev. Sara Lewis*

Closing Hymn *Congregation*

Hymn #1040 “Hush”

Words & Music: African-American spiritual,
slavery period, arr. Jason Shelton

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice *Curt Hill*

from “Community Means Strength” by Starhawk

Postlude *Troy Fisher*

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Reflection questions:

- What do you see in the larger culture that you would like to refuse to be part of?
- What new possibilities and alternatives do you see created in intentional communities like this congregation?

Today's After-Service Forum (11:30 am): Vote NO to Initiatives 2117 and 2066

Our Environmental Action Team's guest speaker, Jim Lazar of Olympia Indivisible, will present the basics of two anti-environmental ballot initiatives and why it is important to vote against them.

Next Sunday, October 20, 2024: "Love Implementing the Demands of Justice"

with Rev. Mary Katherine Morn, President of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). In the face of challenges and forces that undermine justice and equity, UUSC has, for more than eight decades, been resisting cynicism and refusing complacency. Through a model that embraces radical trust, UUSC advances human rights in partnership with communities impacted by oppression. The stories of faithful imagination and always emerging learning create the journey of justice and joy that we share in our work together.

Speaker Bio: Rev. Mary Katherine Morn, President and Lead Executive Officer of UUSC since 2018, brings 30 years of faith-based leadership, fostering progressive congregations and championing economic, racial, and social justice. Her extensive work includes collaborations with interfaith and advocacy organizations on issues such as homelessness, reproductive justice, and LGBTQI+ rights. She has also held leadership roles with the UU Ministers' Association and the Unitarian Universalist Association.

October 20 After-Service Forum (11:30 am) on the work of the UUSC, a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization advancing human rights together with an international community of grassroots partners and advocates. For more info: <https://www.uusc.org/about-uusc/>

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.

Our big used book sale, Books Brownies and Beans, is coming up on October 25th and 26th! We have plenty of books, and **the last day that book donations will be accepted is this Tuesday, October 15th.** There are lots of volunteer roles still to fill — please see the BBB sign-up table in the commons after today's service or look for the button labeled "Sign Up Genius for Volunteers" at the bottom of <https://www.ouuc.org/books>

Find more details on these and other announcements in the Weekly Update: <https://www.ouuc.org/weekly-update/>

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