



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 6, 2024

“Christian Nationalism and Religious Freedom”

with Rev. Carol McKinley

The right to practice religion, or no religion at all, is among the most fundamental of the freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. That freedom is threatened by Christian Nationalism, an ideology that advocates for recognition of the United States as a white Christian nation. What does that mean for those who do not identify as Christians?

With special musical guest, Roy Zimmerman!

Prelude	<i>Troy Fisher (he/him)</i>
Morning Song Hymn #1030 “Siyahamba” Words & Music: South Africa, 20th Cent.	<i>Congregation</i>
Welcome	<i>Whitney Godby (she/her)</i>
Lighting the Chalice & Sabbatical Candle with the words of Maureen Killoran	<i>Whitney Godby</i>
In Memoriam: Jan Spiller	<i>Rev. Carol McKinley (she/her)</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Opening Words adapted from the words of Rev. Kendyl Gibbons	<i>Rev. Carol McKinley</i>

Opening Hymn Hymn #1052 “The Oneness of Everything” Words & Music: Jim Scott	<i>Congregation</i>
Story for All “We Are Each Other's Business” by Eboo Patel	<i>Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Share the Plate Offering	<i>Whitney Godby</i>
Offertory	<i>Roy Zimmerman (he/him)</i>
Ritual of Sharing From the Heart	<i>Rev. Carol McKinley</i>
Prayerful Practice “The Peace of Wild Things” by Wendell Berry	<i>Rev. Carol McKinley</i>
Musical Response	<i>Roy Zimmerman</i>
Reading 1 from Andrew Whitehead	<i>Whitney Godby</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Reading 2 from <u>The American Creed</u> by Rev. Forrest Church	<i>Rev. Carol McKinley</i>
Sermon	<i>Rev. Carol McKinley</i>
Closing Hymn Hymn #1018 “Come and Go with Me” Words & Music: African-American spiritual, slavery period, Arr. Kenny Smith	<i>Congregation</i>
Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice with the words of Maya Angelou	<i>Rev. Carol McKinley</i>
Postlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>

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Reflection questions:

- Whether your family attended a Christian church or you learned about Christianity through the broader culture, what did you initially understand were the religion's basic teachings?
 - How did you learn them?
 - Do you find them reflected in your beliefs and practices today?
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Today's After-Service Forum (11:30 am): Intro to Faith in Action at OUUC with Rev. Sara

Next 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?

October 13 After-Service Forum (11:30 am) on Ballot Initiatives

Mini Spiritual Retreat: The Practice of Deep Listening, Saturday, October 12, 10 am.

Our spiritual theme for October is the Practice of Deep Listening. This 2 hour mini-retreat will explore this theme through a variety of spiritual and creative practices, such as visio divina, taize, meditation, and more. Led by Rev. Sara Lewis. Register here:

<https://www.ouuc.org/deep-listening-mini-retreat/>

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

<https://www.ouuc.org/weekly-update/>

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.
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