



Our spiritual practice for November is **Repair**.

*“Don't leave your broken heart at the door; bring it to the altar of life.
Don't leave your anger behind. Bring it with you,
and your joy, and your courage and your conviction.”*

~Angela Herrera

Sunday, November 17, 2024
“The Heritage of Religious Freedom”
with Rev. Zsolt Elekes

In celebration of our covenant and long Partner Church relationship with the Unitarian Church of Kissolymos (located in the Transylvanian area of Romania), Rev. Zsolt Elekes, a Hungarian Unitarian chaplain, will be our virtual worship leader. Rev. Zsolt will speak of his experience in ministry with international UU relations organizations in the context of the anniversary of the death of Francis David (11/15), and the implications for the human right of freedom of conscience.

Prelude	<i>Troy Fisher (he/him)</i>
Morning Song “Lean On Me” with “We Shall Overcome” Arranged by Mark Hayes	<i>OUUC Choir & Congregation</i>
Welcome	<i>Rick Brandt-Kreutz (he/him)</i>
Lighting the Chalice with the words of Chrystal Hogan	<i>Rick Brandt-Kreutz</i>

Opening Words	<i>Rev. Zsolt Elekes (he/him)</i>
Opening Hymn Hymn #1043 “Szekely Aldas” (Szekely Blessing) Words: Traditional Transylvanian Music: Elizabeth H. Norton	<i>Congregation</i>
Story for All The OUUC Choir's 2004 Visit to Our Partner Church in Kissolymos, Romania	<i>Pat McLachlan (she/her)</i>
Hymn from Kissolymos	<i>Buzogány Lajos (he/him)</i>
Partner Church Offering	<i>Rick Brandt-Kreutz</i>
Offertory	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Ritual of Sharing From the Heart	<i>Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)</i>
Prayerful Practice “Megpihenni” Words: Eng. Carl G. Seaburg, based on a Unitarian Transylvanian text / Music: Transylvanian hymn	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
Musical Response “Megpihenni” Words: Eng. Carl G. Seaburg, based on a Unitarian Transylvanian text / Music: Transylvanian hymn	<i>OUUC Choir</i>
Reading Our Place in the Cosmos	<i>Rev. Zsolt Elekes</i>
Sermon: The Heritage of Religious Freedom	<i>Rev. Zsolt Elekes</i>
Closing Hymn Hymn #358 “Rank by Rank Again We Stand” Words: Carl G. Seaburg, amended by Kendyl Gibbons, Cynthia Landrum & Nick Cardell Music: Henry Walford Davies	<i>Congregation</i>

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Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

with the words of Andrew Pakula

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- How are you these days?
 - What are the blessings in your life right now?
 - Are there things that connect you to your heritage, religious or otherwise?
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Today's After-Service Forum (11:30 am): Q&A with Rev. Zsolt

Bring your questions about the international Unitarian & UU movement and the OUUC pilgrimage to Transylvania next fall.

Also at 11:30 today, the Generation X,Y,Z lunch will be meeting in a classroom. If you are a member of these younger generations, please gather for fellowship and food today.

Next Sunday, November 24, 2024: "Joy, Justice, and Commitment" with Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Rev. Mary Gear

We kick off the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's annual Guest Your Table collection with a reflection from Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti, on the joy, justice, and commitment at the heart of UUSC's global partnerships. We celebrate 50 years of UUSC's work to connect UU congregations with partners around the world. The sermon will be a recording; Rev. Mary Gear, Rev. Sara Lewis, and Troy Fisher will be onsite.

November 24 After-Service Forum (11:30 am): Board Sunday

Share the Plate Offering: Our Share the Plate organization for November and December is CARE, which stands for Collaborative Association for Reintegration and Education.

The mission of CARE is to support community transformation by working to address all forms of discrimination against those who have been incarcerated or detained, with a particular focus on affected youth. They fulfill this mission by connecting impacted individuals to community resources and advocating to increase public understanding and awareness of issues related to the criminal legal system, reintegration, and recovery.

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 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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We will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Potluck again this year. All are welcome — please look for the sign up genius link in the weekly announcements or RSVP to Rev. Sara (DCFD@ouuc.org).

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

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