



Our spiritual practice for December is **Presence**.

*“At the end of the day: do others feel loved in your presence?
This is the spiritual bottom line.”*

~Mastin Kipp

Sunday, December 1, 2024

“Dreaming Possibility”

with Rylee Uhrich

As winter settles in we explore the quiet expansiveness of dreaming.
Yet we stay present with a world that is full of injustice and
uncertainty. What does this balance show us?

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Congregation*

“Your Heart Knows The Way Home”

Words & Music: Te Martin

Welcome *Curtis Tanner (he/him)*

Lighting the Chalice *Rylee Uhrich (they/she)*

with the words of Sarah Ruth Wekoye Davis

Lighting the First Advent Candle *Curtis Tanner*

ritual adapted from Rev. Lyn Cox

Opening Words *Rylee Uhrich*

Opening Hymn *Congregation*

Hymn #194 “Faith Is a Forest”

Words: Shelley Jackson Denham

Music: Chinese folk song, adapt. by I-to Loh

Story for All *Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)*

The Mitten, a Ukrainian Folktale

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Curtis Tanner*

Offertory *Becky Owen*

“A Gaelic Blessing”

Composer: John Rutter

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart *Curtis Tanner*

Prayerful Practice *Rylee Uhrich*

Musical Response *Congregation*

Hymn #1011 “Return Again”

Words & Music: Shlomo Carlebach

Reading 1 *Curtis Tanner*

adapted from “The Great Turning”

by Lisa Garcia-Sampson

Part 1: October Letter *Rylee Uhrich*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Reading 2 *Curtis Tanner*

from “My Dreams, They Matter”

by Phoenix Bell-Shelton Biggs

Part 2: Together *Rylee Uhrich*

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Closing Hymn

Hymn #81 “The Wordless Mountains Bravely Still”

Words: Philip A. Porter / Music: Franz Joseph Haydn

Congregation

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

“Growing out of Our Comfort” by Melissa Jeter

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- What are you dreaming about?
 - How does your body anchor your dreams into reality?
 - What are the seasonal signs that it is time to rest?
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There is no After-Service Forum today — enjoy the rest of your weekend!

Next Sunday, December 8, 2024: “Presents and Presence” with Rev. Mary Gear

We explore the spiritual practice of “presence” in a month that focuses on presents. What are the gifts of presence and how might we find them in this season?

December 8 After-Service Forum (11:30 am): Allyship Skill-Builder

Join Rev. Sara and others to practice skills of support and intervention when we encounter bias and bullying. Be an ally!

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 are collecting gift cards this week for families in need at our neighborhood elementary school, LP Brown. The school requests cards all in \$25 amounts from major box stores where families can meet a variety of needs. Please bring your gift cards to Rev. Sara by next Sunday the 8th.

All are welcome at our Thursday evening community dinners, with food and fellowship at 5:30pm. This coming Thursday, come to enjoy comfort food and then stay for one of the many activities: the Buddhist meditation, Sit and Stitch with the sewing ministry, the parent group, New UU class, or all ages snowflake making and holiday films. There’s something for everyone and for all ages.

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

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