



Our spiritual practice for January is **Story**.

*"I now see how owning our story and loving ourselves through that process is the bravest thing that we will ever do." ~ Brené Brown*

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**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

**"The Power of History"**

with Rev. Mary Gear

This Sunday, we honor the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and prepare for the inauguration and term of a new president. Come for connection and renewal of spirit as we ready for what is ahead.

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Troy Fisher (he/him)</i>
<b>Morning Song</b> <b>Hymn #201 "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!"</b> Words & Music: Traditional, arr. by Mary Allen Walden	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>Welcome</b>	<i>Curt Hill (he/him)</i>
<b>Lighting the Chalice</b> "Inscribing our pages with hope..." by Rev. Dr. David Breeden	<i>Curt Hill</i>
<b>Opening Words</b> "Let us drink from the stories that sustain us all..." by Rev. Scott Tayler	<i>Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)</i>

<b>Opening Hymn</b> <b>Hymn #1028 "the Fire of Commitment"</b> Words: Mary Katherine Morn & Jason Shelton Music: Jason Shelton	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>A Reflection on the Spiritual Theme of Story</b>	<i>Curt Hill</i>
<b>Musical Interlude</b>	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
<b>Share the Plate Offering</b>	<i>Curt Hill</i>
<b>Offertory</b> "Make Them Hear You" from Ragtime Lyrics: Lynn Ahrens Music: Stephen Flaherty, arr. by Kirby Shaw	<i>OUUC Choir</i>
<b>Ritual of Sharing From the Heart</b>	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
<b>Prayerful Practice</b>	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
<b>Musical Response</b> "Hold Fast to Dreams" Words: Langston Hughes / Music: Susan LaBarr	<i>OUUC Choir</i>
<b>Reading</b> based on stories from <u>The Small and the Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who Changed the Course of History, from the Founding to the Civil Rights Movement</u> by Sharon McMahan	<i>Curt Hill</i>
<b>The Power of History</b>	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
<b>Closing Hymn</b> <b>Hymn #169 "We Shall Overcome"</b> Words & Music: African american spiritual, adapt. by William Farley Smith	<i>Congregation</i>

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## Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

with words engraved on a wall at the exit from the Equal Justice Initiative's National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, AL

*Rev. Mary Gear*

## Postlude

*Troy Fisher*

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### Reflection questions:

- Did you connect with an ancestor(s) this morning? If so, who?
  - What characteristics about them or values did you want to call forward? If you didn't connect with anyone, what values would you like to bring into this moment in history?
  - How do you envision yourself as an ancestor?
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### Today's Forum at 12:15 pm (online & onsite):

#### Preparation for the Road Ahead: Connection in Small Groups

Rev. Mary will host a forum including small group discussions and reflection on how we prepare for the next chapter after the Inauguration.

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### Next Sunday, January 26, 2024:

#### "Lamenting Our Way Towards Liberation" with Elisabeth Geschiere at 9 am (onsite only) and 10:45 am (online & onsite)

What are the stories you carry about grief or lament? This Sunday, we will explore how practices of grief and lament are interconnected with love and liberation. There will be several invitations to sing (or listen) together!

#### Forum at 12:15 pm (online & onsite): "Whose Is It?" with the OUUC Board

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### 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 January and February is New Horizon Communities.

Panza, now doing business as New Horizons Communities, provides permanent supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness. They create and manage tiny home villages that foster community, encourage personal growth, and promote access to the care and services residents need. Founded with OUUC leadership in 2007 to support a tent camp for homeless adults hosted by local churches, Panza created Quixote Village, a permanent supportive community for the homeless in Olympia. Now, as New Horizon Communities, this nonprofit has built two additional villages, especially for veterans, in other communities.

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: 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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**In support of our upcoming Stewardship Drive, OUUC is hosting Gather, Grow, & Guide Sessions throughout January.** During these 90 minute sessions, we will share our stories, watch a brief video from Rev. Mary on the five ways to grow, and finally, we will ask you for guidance on how we can achieve the goals we set for 2025. Let's come together in the homes of members to connect and gather our power. Sign-up today: <https://www.ouuc.org/gather-grow-and-guide/>

**Tomorrow (Monday 1/20), we will have a Day of Service with Quixote Village.** Celebrate a day of service on MLK Day at Quixote Village in Olympia. Volunteers and help needed! We will provide and share a late lunch for 25 residents of the Village at 2-3 pm. We'll make meat and vegetarian spaghetti, with side dishes, salads, drinks and desserts. Opportunities for light housekeeping in the Village's community building may be available. Contact Rev. Sara ([DCFD@ouuc.org](mailto:DCFD@ouuc.org)) or Tim Ransom to RSVP or with questions.

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