



Our spiritual practice for February is **Inclusion**.

*“Diversity is being invited to the party;
inclusion is being asked to dance.”*
~ Verna Myers

Sunday, February 16, 2025

“Rooted in Love”

with Rev. Mary Gear

In this time when our Unitarian Universalist values are being challenged, how do we support each other and the work of justice?

We begin the OUUC stewardship drive with a reflection on where we are and where we are going.

Prelude *Troy Fisher (he/him)*

Morning Song *Congregation*

“We Shall Be Known”

Words & Music: Karisha Longaker

Welcome *Whitney Godby (she/her)*

Lighting the Chalice *Whitney Godby*

“Letting Go” by Jay Wolin

Opening Words *Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)*

“Celebrating Abundance” by Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto

Opening Hymn *Congregation*

Hymn #131 “Love Will Guide Us

Words: Sally Rogers

Music: Traditional arr. Betty A. Wylder

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

“Sustaining the Tree of Life” by Lynn Gardner

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Stewardship Moment *Kedo Baye (they/them)*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

Share the Plate Offering *Whitney Godby*

Offertory *Troy Fisher*

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart *Rev. Mary Gear*

Prayerful Practice *Rev. Mary Gear*

Musical Response *OUUC Choir*

“Does the World Say?”

Words & Music: Kyle Pederson

Reading 1 *Whitney Godby*

excerpts from Susan Beaumont’s book How To Lead

When You Don’t Know Where You’re Going:

Leading in Liminal Space

Part 1: Liminal Space — Again *Rev. Mary Gear*

Musical Interlude *Troy Fisher*

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Reading 2

excerpts from two blog posts about congregational discernment by Meck Groot and Joe Sullivan posted in early 2023

Whitney Godby

Part 2: Rooted in Love

Rev. Mary Gear

Closing Hymn

Hymn #170 “We Are a Gentle, Angry People”

Words & Music: Holly Near arr. Patrick L. Rickey

Congregation

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

“To make new shapes...” by Rev. Rod Richards

Rev. Mary Gear

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- What is your experience of or with liminal space?
- How do you approach baffling, existential questions?
- How does OUUC nurture you? How do you nurture OUUC?

Today’s Forum at 12:15 pm (online & onsite): Skill Builder Part One: Facilitation Skills led by Rev. Sara Lewis

Come learn some valuable skills of being in community together.

Also at 12:15 pm, there will be a Generations XYZ lunch in classroom 3. All in those generations are welcome.

This coming Thursday, Feb. 20th, will be our 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off at the community dinner. Anyone interested in bringing a pot of chili, either meat or vegetarian, for competition is welcome. There will be prizes!

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, this nonprofit created Quixote Village, a permanent supportive community for the homeless in Olympia. They have since 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.

Next Sunday, February 23, 2024: “We Are Called” with Rev. Carol McKinley at 9 am (onsite only) and 10:45 am (online & onsite)

The architect, philosopher, and futurist R. Buckminster Fuller wrote, “We are called to be architects of the future, not its victims.” In our changing world, that call has become increasingly urgent: when we hear it, how can we respond in ways that help create the future we hope to see?

After Service February 23 at 12:15 pm: Skill Builder Part Two: Conflict Management Skills led by Rev. Sara Lewis

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