



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

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

Sunday, February 23, 2025
“We Are Called”

with Rev. Carol McKinley

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?

Prelude	<i>Troy Fisher (he/him)</i>
Morning Song Hymn #407 “We’re Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table” Words & Music: Traditional, arr. by Mary Allen Walden	<i>Congregation</i>
Welcome	<i>Curtis Tanner (he/him)</i>
Lighting the Chalice “Soul Fire” by Anastasi Birosh	<i>Curtis Tanner</i>
Opening Words “The Sacred Is” by David Breeden	<i>Rev. Carol McKinley (she/her)</i>

Opening Hymn Hymn #1014 “Answering the Call of Love” Words & Music: Jason Shelton	<i>Congregation</i>
Story for All “A Town Called Driftwood” by Aaron McEmrys	<i>Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Stewardship Moment	<i>Dieter Jacobs (he/him)</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
Share the Plate Offering	<i>Curtis Tanner</i>
Offertory “The Fool on the Hill” Words & Music: Lennon/McCartney	<i>Karl Johnson (guitar & vocals) & Gant Eichrodt (harmonica)</i>
Ritual of Sharing From the Heart	<i>Rev. Carol McKinley</i>
Prayerful Practice adapted from the words of Alicia Forde	<i>Rev. Carol McKinley</i>
Musical Response Hymn #134 “Our World Is One World” Words & Music: Cecily Taylor	<i>Congregation</i>
Reading 1 “For the Restoration of Justice,” a contemporary version of Psalm 10 by Barbara Gibson, from her book <u>Psalms for Troubled Times: Prayers of Hope and Challenge</u>	<i>Curtis Tanner</i>
We Are Called, Part 1	<i>Rev. Carol McKinley</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>

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Reading 2 *Curtis Tanner*

“On the Cost of Exclusion” by Cole Arthur Riley

We Are Called, Part 2 *Rev. Carol McKinley*

Closing Hymn *Congregation*

Hymn #159 “This Is My Song”

Words: Lloyd Stone / Music: Jean Sibelius

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice *Rev. Carol McKinley*

“Marginal Wisdom” by Rev. Leslie Takahashi [adapted]

Postlude *Troy Fisher*

Reflection questions:

- Have you experienced a time when, rather unexpectedly, you felt completely included?
 - How did that alter your perception of the group or individual? How did it change your relationships?
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Today’s Forum at 12:15 pm (online & onsite): Skill Builder Part 2: Conflict Management Skills, led by Rev. Sara Lewis

All are welcome. If you missed Part 1 of this training, you can find it on OUUC’s YouTube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/@OlyUUC>).

Next Sunday, March 2, 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) and 10:45 am (online & onsite): “Trust, Risk, and the Unknown” with Rev. Mary Gear

This month, we grapple with the spiritual theme and practice of Trust. What does it mean to trust as a spiritual practice and what does trust look like in a faith community?

After-Service Forum, March 2 at 12:15 pm: “Love Resists” Reflections with Rev. Sara Lewis. Explore questions that help you discern what actions are right for you in times like these.

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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.
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Protest Song Jam Session, this Thursday, February 27, 6:30 – 7:45 pm, after the community dinner. In times of trial and tribulation, coming together to play and sing always lifts spirits and provides energy for positive action. Bring an instrument or your voice (or both!) to jam out and lift each other up. Contact Ian Stephan with any questions.

Art Sustains Us: Poetry Writing Class, every Tuesday in March, 10 am – 12 pm. Discover the power of poetry to inspire and sustain us in this engaging Poetry Writing Workshop. Writers of all skill levels are warmly welcome. Register here: <https://www.ouuc.org/learn/adult-faith-development/#poetry>

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