



Our spiritual practice for March is **Trust**.

“A [congregation] is not a group of people that [worship and] work together.

A [congregation] is a group of people that trust each other.”

~ Simon Sinek (adapted)

Sunday, March 16, 2025

“The Light Gets In: Lessons from a Potter”

with Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee

After 50 years of throwing clay on a pottery wheel, I have learned how art can be a practice of meditation and grounding, and I have learned to let go of perfection. One of the most important lessons has been the beauty found in our flawed and broken pieces.

At OUUC, masks are welcome and optional. Please join us online if you don't feel well.

Kindly put your cell phones into Airplane Mode to help us ensure a meaningful experience for all in attendance, onsite and online.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the sanctuary at the tech desk.

Prelude

Josie Solseng - Fiddle

Morning Song

Congregation &

“I Am Willing”

OUUC Choir

Words & Music: Holly Near, arr. by Steven Milloy

Welcome

Curt Hill (he/him)

Lighting the Chalice

Curt Hill

“Love Remains the Center” by Eric Hepburn

In Memoriam: Diane Daly

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher (he/him)

Opening Words

“Life Is Always Unfinished Business”

by Rev. Richard Gilbert

Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee

(she/her)

Opening Hymn**Hymn #188 “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”**

Words: Adapted from Rumi

Music: Lyn Adair Unger

Congregation

Story for All

The Cracked Pot: A Wisdom Story

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)

Musical Interlude**Share the Plate Offering****Offertory****Ritual of Sharing From the Heart****Prayerful Practice****Musical Response**

“Anthem”

Words & Music: Leonard Cohen, arr. Kirby Shaw

Reading

“Surrender to This Life” by Rev. Gretchen Haley

“The Light Gets In: Lessons from a Potter”**Closing Hymn****Hymn #1028 “The Fire of Commitment”**

Words: Mary Katherine Morn & Jason Shelton

Music: Jason Shelton

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

“Grace Meets Us Where We Are”

by Rev. Gretchen Haley

Troy Fisher

Curt Hill

Josie Solseng - Fiddle

Rev. Mary Gear

Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee

OUUC Choir

Curt Hill

Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee

Congregation

Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee

Reflection questions:

- What is something you do regularly that you might call a meditation or spiritual practice?
 - What role does the call for perfection play in your life?
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Today's Forum at 12:15 pm (online & onsite):

“Rooted in Love — Aspirational Budget” with the OUUC Board.

The Board of Trustees will lead a forum about the future of OUUC and the aspirations of the stewardship drive.

It's a busy afternoon here at OUUC!

The Gen XYZ lunch happens at 12:15 in the classrooms. If you are between 18-45 or so, come for good food and fellowship.

And at 2 pm, you can join Rev. Sara for the New to UU class on how we put our faith into action.

Next Sunday, March 23, 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):

“The Practice of Dana: Celebration Sunday” with Rev. Mary Gear

This Sunday, we celebrate our dreams for the future as we honor the generosity of support for OUUC and invite all to participate in the spiritual practice of giving. We will welcome new OUUC members in this service.

After-Service Forum, March 23 at 12:15 pm:

“What's General Assembly and Why Should We Care?”

with Rev. Mary and Rev. Sara

The OUUC meditation sangha is hosting a spring retreat on Saturday, March 22, from 1pm to 4:30pm at OUUC. All are welcome! For more information or to let us know you'll be coming, please contact Curt Hill at chill528@gmail.com.

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 March and April is Wild Grief:

Wild Grief facilitates peer groups for children and adults who are grieving a death, by creating the space for sharing, connection, and healing in nature. All programs are free, including all outdoor gear and food. Wild Grief models how: it's important to acknowledge death and engage with loss, grief support should be available to everyone, and healing is possible.

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.

St. Patrick's Day is almost here, and whether or not you celebrate, one thing is certain: **we are lucky to have OUUC in our lives!** We're especially fortunate to have the OUUC Choir, nearly 40 talented voices led by the incredible Troy Arnold Fisher, filling our community with music that uplifts, inspires, and brings us together.

As we continue **our annual Stewardship Drive**, we're grateful to be more than halfway to our goal, but we need your help to get all the way there! Every single pledge, no matter the amount, makes a difference. Your support ensures that everything we cherish about OUUC — the music, the thought-provoking sermons, and the deep sense of belonging — continues to thrive.

If OUUC feels like the **pot of gold at the end of your rainbow**, please make your pledge today and help sustain the community we love!

<https://www.ouuc.org/give/stewardship/>