



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 23, 2025

“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.

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

Troy Fisher (he/him)

Morning Song

Congregation

Hymn #16 “Tis a Gift to Be Simple

Words: Joseph Bracket

Music: American Shaker tune

Welcome

Des McGahern (he/him)

Lighting the Chalice

Kevin Johnson (he/him)

“For Each and For All” by Rev. Erik Walker Wikstrom

Opening Words

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her)

“They Are with Us Still” by Kathleen McTigue

Opening Hymn

Congregation

Hymn #346 “Come, Sing a Song with Me”

Words & Music: Carolyn McDade

Welcoming New Members:

Christine Colyar (she/her)
Barney Burch (he/him)
Cindy Elliott (she/her)
Kedo Baye (they/them)
Kathy Boyajian (she/her)
jasper llee (she/her)
Dave Schroeter (he/him)
Judy Schroeter (she/her)
Bill Dole, Sr. (he/him)
Jill Dole (she/her)
Bill Dole, Jr. (he/him)
Leah Kosik

*Rev. Mary Gear,
Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her),
& Sally Alhadeff (she/her)*

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate Offering

Kevin Johnson

Offertory

Troy Fisher

“Hope”

Words & Music: Jason Robert Brown

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart

Rev. Mary Gear

Prayerful Practice

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Response

Congregation

Hymn #1013 “Open My Heart”

Words & Music: Henry S. Flurry

Stewardship Moment

*Debra Dohrmann
(she/her)*

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Reading*Kevin Johnson*

from “Practicing Generosity” by Patrick Kearney

Homily: The Practice of Dana*Rev. Mary Gear***Closing Hymn***Congregation***Hymn #1018 “When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place”**Words & Music: Joyce Poley,
keyboard arr. Lorne Kellett**Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice***Rev. Mary Gear*

“In the end it won't matter” by John C. Morgan

Postlude*Troy Fisher***Reflection questions:**

- Have you ever experienced the gift economy, giving and receiving?
- Have you ever been in a situation of mutual care?
- Who are your financial ancestors?

Today's Forum at 12:15 pm (online & onsite):**“What's General Assembly and Why Should We Care?”**

Join Rev. Mary and Rev. Sara for a forum on the upcoming Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) General Assembly (GA) in June and why we should care.

Next Sunday, March 30, 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):**“Visible and Invisible” with Rev. Mary Gear**

March 31 is Transgender Day of Visibility, when we raise awareness about transgender people and celebrate the diversity of life and in our community. Come hear stories of transformation and justice.

After-Service Forum, March 30 at 12:15 pm (online & onsite):**Supporting Transgender Individuals and Communities**

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.

Today at 2 pm, you can also join the New UU Class with Rev. Mary and her guest as they explore the topic of Worship.

The Community Dinner this coming Thursday (3/27 at 5:30 pm) will be a takeover by the Stewardship Team and the OUUC Board of Trustees. As we wrap up the stewardship drive, come join the celebration of our community! All are welcome, as always.

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