



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)

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**Sunday, March 30, 2025**

**“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.

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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.

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**Prelude**

*Dennis McDermot (flute)*

**Morning Song**

*Congregation*

**Hymn #1020 “Woyaya”**

Words & Music: Loughy Amoa, Solomon

Amarfio, Robert M. Bailey, Roy Bedeau, Francis

T. Osei, Whendell K. Richardson and Mac Tontoh

Transcribed from Ysaye M. Barnwell

Arr. Jeannie Gagne

**Welcome**

*Liz Clement (they/she)*

**Lighting the Chalice**

*Liz Clement*

“The Infinite Divinity” by Rev. Jami Yandle

<b>Opening Words</b>	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i> <i>(she/her)</i>
“Blessed Are We” by Andrea Hawkins-Kamper	
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>Congregation &amp;</i> <i>OUUC Choir</i>
<b>“I Am Willing”</b>	
Words & Music: Holly Near, arr. by Steven Milloy	
<b>Story For All: Trans Day of Visibility</b>	<i>Rev. Mary Gear</i>
<b>Musical Interlude</b>	<i>Troy Fisher (he/him)</i>
<b>Stewardship Moment</b>	<i>Anne Hundley (she/her)</i>
<b>Musical Interlude</b>	<i>Troy Fisher</i>
<b>Share the Plate Offering</b>	<i>Liz Clement</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Troy Fisher</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>	<i>OUUC Choir</i>
<b>“Truly Brave”</b> — Arr. by Mac Huff, from: “True Colors”	
Words & Music: Billy Steinberg & Tom Kelly	
“Brave”	
Words & Music: Sara Bareilles & Jack Antonoff	
<b>Reading</b>	<i>Liz Clement</i>
from Jazz Jennings in the Foreword to the book <u><a href="#">Authentic Selves: Celebrating Trans and Nonbinary People and Their Families</a></u>	
<b>Part 1</b>	<i>Hearthorn Campbell</i> <i>(she/her)</i>
<b>Musical Interlude</b>	<i>Troy Fisher</i>

**Part 2**

*Allyx Steffens (they/them)*

**Musical Interlude**

*Troy Fisher*

**Part 3**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

**Closing Hymn**

*Congregation*

**Hymn #1053 “How Could Anyone”**

Words & Music: Libby Roderick

**Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice**

*Rev. Mary Gear*

with the words of Rev. Sean Parker Dennison

**Postlude**

*Troy Fisher*

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**Reflection question:**

- Do you have a story about trans and non-binary people in your life, which might include you?
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**Today’s Forum at 12:15 pm (online & onsite): “Supporting Transgender Individuals and Communities”** with Rev. Mary, Rev. Sara, & Rev. Nancy

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**Next Sunday, April 6, 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite): “Grant Me Serenity” with Rev. Michael Walker**

Lutheran theologian, Reinhold Niebuhr, wrote the now famous Serenity Prayer. The short-form of the prayer is widely used on posters and in meetings, and has been adopted by some Twelve Step programs as a mantra: “...[G]rant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, / Courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.” In this sermon, we will use the whole prayer as a starting point to discuss approaches to less-than-serene events in recent weeks, in this, our new post-election America.

**After-Service Forum, April 6 at 12:15 pm (online & onsite):**

**“Know Your Rights” Training with SWIFT (Siding With Immigrant Families Together)** <https://www.ouuc.org/act/current-justice-efforts/>

**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.

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**As our Stewardship Drive comes to a close, we urge you to support our beautiful congregation for all that it offers to so many people seeking a place to belong.** At OUUC, we welcome families and individuals of all ages and backgrounds. Our church buzzes with activity all week long. And in the midst of it all, Thursday evening dinners offer a chance each week to slow down, share a home-cooked meal, and find connection amid the busyness of life. At OUUC, there is something for everyone. **No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you belong here.**

Your pledge of financial support ensures that OUUC continues to be a place of growth, reflection, and community. A stronger commitment means a stronger OUUC. Help us continue to serve, inspire, and grow. **All pledges, no matter the amount, are welcome and gratefully received. Make your pledge today!**

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

**Are you interested in membership at OUUC?** You can join Rev. Sara this afternoon at 2 pm for the New UU class on the topic of spiritual and faith development.

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