

Order of Service
November 18, 2007

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**Prelude** As we continue to gather for the service, we'll sing:  
\*Hymns # 68 "Come, Ye Thankful People"  
# 67 "We Sing Now Together"

**Welcome** -Penny Hackett-Evans [adapted]

~ \*Hymn # 70 "Heap High the Farmer's Wintry Hoard"~

**Greetings** "The Gift of Life"

Each of us rising from the earth  
Seeking love and wholeness from the moment of our birth.  
May this coming year bring to you  
The gift of knowing love and a life that touches truth. (repeat verse)  
Lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai...

~interlude~

**Opening Words** -e.e. cummings

**Lighting of the Chalice** (Unison) -Mark Belletini

We light this chalice, a sign of community  
as well as sacred conscience,  
a call to communion  
as well as a reminder of communion's cost.

The cup of health, wholeness and salvation  
is filled for all nations and all peoples.  
Its cost is not less than conviction,  
humility, praise and forbearance.

Let all come to its bounty with joy, reason,  
passion, in anticipation of that love which is all-in-all.

**Story** 9:15 AM "From Out of the Brown Box"  
11:00 AM "The Billingtons"

We sing our children out with the words below (9:15 AM service only)  
Go now in peace. Go now in peace.  
May the spirit of love surround you,  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

**The Flow of Life's Joys and Sorrows**

(Please, come forward to await your turn.  
Speak into the microphone and kindly be concise.)

Choral Response to Joys and Sorrows (Remain seated)

"If Music Be the Food of Love" -Words: Henry Heveningham  
Music: David C. Dickau

**Reading** from *Mayflower* -Nathaniel Philbrick

**Share-the-Plate Offering** (Choir departs at 11:00 am service)

During November and December half the offering goes to OUUC and half goes to CIELO Project/Radio Ranch, a non-profit volunteer organization, whose mission is to be a force for justice by serving the self-sufficiency and empowerment of the Latino and other underprivileged communities.

Write "Pledge" or "Capital Campaign" on check's memo line  
if your donation is respectively a pledge or capital campaign payment.  
Envelopes are available for cash you want identified as given by you.

**Spoken and Silent Meditation**

**Message** "Beyond the Myth of the First Thanksgiving"  
-Arthur Vaeni

**Our Call to Communion**

-Arthur Vaeni

A Ritual of Sharing Gratitude for the Communion of Life

\*Hymn

Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.  
For all gather'd here and those far away;  
For this food we share with love and care.  
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.

**Extinguishing the Chalice and Closing Words** - Joan Chittister

~interlude~

**The Larger Life of Our Community** -Member of the Board

**\*Unison Benediction**

Let us go forth into the week ahead  
striving to be faithful to our lives' journeys,  
serving the needs of the earth and its inhabitants,  
and sharing in the spirit of love with all we say and do.  
Sharing in the spirit of love with all we say and do.  
Sharing in the spirit of love with all we say and do.  
Blessed Be! Blessed Be! Blessed, Blessed Be!

**Postlude**

\*You're invited to stand in body or in spirit.

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Celebrant: Myra Barker  
Board Announcers: Jeff Goltz, Samantha Ritchie  
Flowers provided by Zibby and Barry Zickuhr

**Covenant**

We the members, staff, and ministers  
of the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, enter  
into this covenant as an expression of our commitment to each other.

*Because we value our congregation, we promise to...*  
enhance its health with our time, talent, energy,  
and financial resources;  
and honor our commitments here.

*Because we seek to be a friendly and inclusive congregation, we promise to...*  
provide a safe and nurturing environment for all our members,  
young and old;  
assist those among us who have urgent needs  
for care and support;  
and provide opportunities for personal and spiritual growth.

*Because we choose to walk together we promise to ...*  
create and support an organizational structure  
that is responsive, responsible, identifiable, and accessible;  
share our gifts as we participate in the leadership  
of the congregation;  
and encourage our congregational leaders  
to listen and speak openly, understand deeply,  
work with fairness, and serve with passion.

*Because we need not think alike to love alike, we promise to...*  
speak and work openly, honestly, and lovingly  
with our leadership, providing informed,  
constructive feedback when we believe change is needed.

*Because we recognize that conflict is normal we promise to...*  
speak with each other directly and honestly from a position  
of respect, kindness and love, recognizing that to do so,  
there will be times we need to seek counsel from the community.

*Because we strive to live our Unitarian Universalist principles,  
we promise to ...*  
inform ourselves about and engage issues  
that concern our larger communities.

