



## Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – February 19, 2023

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### Sermon

### *“Holy Rollin’! Blessing of the Bicycles!”*

*Rev. Amy Kindred*

Unitarian Universalists are green minded. Meaning, we believe in the care of the earth and good regard for nature of which we are part. This morning, we recognize that riding a bicycle is good for a person’s health.

Therefore, bring your bike (or something associated with bike riding, such as a helmet, gloves, etc...) and receive a blessing and a tag that says, “This item was blessed by Rev. Amy Kindred at UU of Clearwater, FL”. Don’t have a bike? Don’t ride anymore but know someone who does? You may purchase an item, receive a blessing and a tag and send it to a loved one as a gift.

*Julie, who owns Bicycle Boutique in downtown Dunedin, will be here to lead us on a short bicycle ride along Duke Energy Trail after service. All are welcome to join us!*

**Our Vision:** An inclusive religious community, a beacon for reason, meaning and bold social action.

**Our Mission:** To celebrate dignity and respect for all, nurture lifelong spiritual growth, act for justice and equality, and serve the wider community.

### Welcome

Ed Kraemer

### Tingsha

### Prelude

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”  
Cheryl Brown, Pianist

### Call to Worship

Ed Kraemer  
“Put Away the Pressures of the World”  
By Erika Hewitt

### Chalice Lighting

Ed Kraemer

Blessed is the fire that burns deep in the soul.  
It is the flame of the human spirit touched into being by the mystery of life.  
It is the fire of reason; the fire of compassion; the fire of community;  
the fire of justice; the fire of faith.  
It is the fire of love burning deep in the human heart;  
the divine glow in every life.

-Eric A. Heller-Wagner



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**Time For All Ages** Rev. Amy

**Opening Hymn #21** “For the Beauty of the Earth”  
Cheryl Brown, pianist

**Joys and Concerns** Rev. Amy

**Sermon**  
“Holy Rollin’! Blessing of the Bicycles!”  
Rev. Amy Kindred

**Offertory Message** Ed Kraemer

For online giving: <https://uuc.breezechms.com/give/online>

For text giving: (727) 500-2410

**Offertory Music** “Bicycle Built for Two”  
UUC Choir

**Closing Hymn #301** “Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky”  
Cheryl Brown, pianist

**Extinguishing the Chalice**  
“Go in peace, go making peace, live gently, love mightily and bow to the mystery”

**Postlude** “Fly Me to the Moon”  
By Bart Howard  
Cheryl Brown, Pianist

### Our Grateful Thanks

**Worship Associate:** Ed Kraemer; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Host:** Margie Manning; **Slides and Video:** Margie Manning, Joe Myers; **Ushers; Visuals:** Soledad Loba; **UUC Music:** Cheryl Brown, Pianist **Staff:** Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Rev. Amy Kindred, Developmental Minister; Cheryl Brown, Music Coordinator; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Custodian; **Pastoral Associates:** Kathy Krohn, Pan Godchaux, Bill Foley, Lauren Logan



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### Flowers for Sunday Service

If you would like to supply the flowers for an upcoming Sunday service in honor of a special event or person in your life, please email Ana " Soledad " Vaquer at [soledad.loba1@gmail.com](mailto:soledad.loba1@gmail.com) She will help you coordinate your contribution.

### Opening Hymn #21 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human care, sister, brother, parent, child,  
for the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.



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### Closing Hymn #301 "Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!"

Touch the earth, reach the sky!  
Walk on shores while spirits fly  
over the ocean, over the land,  
our faith a quest to understand.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!  
Children ask the reasons why.  
In our lives the answers show,  
and by our love they learn and grow.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!  
All are born and all shall die;  
life's the time left in between,  
to follow a star, to build a dream.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!  
Hug the laughter, feel the cry.  
May we see where we can give,  
for this is what it means to live.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!  
Soar with courage ever high;  
spirits joining as we fly,  
to touch the earth, to reach the sky.