



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – November 20, 2022

Sermon:

“Wired for Ritual”
with Rev. Amy Kindred

What’s the difference between a habit and a ritual? Do we need religious ritual?

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:

Michael Kahn

Tingsha

Prelude:

“Farewell to Summer”
by Martha Mier

Call to Worship:

"Thresholds" by Arlen Geff

Chalice Lighting:

"The Abundance of Our Lives Together"
by [Katie Gelfand](#)

We light our chalice as a symbol of gratitude
as we celebrate the abundance of our lives together.
In this sanctuary we harvest bushels of strength for one another,
and offer our crop with the hands of compassion and generosity.
In the authentic and gentle manner of our connections,
we cultivate a simple sweetness to brighten our spirits.
May we be grateful for the ways we nourish and uplift each other,
For it is the sharing of this hallowed time together that sustains us.

Tale for All Ages:

Rev. Amy

Opening Hymn #308:

“Blessings of the Earth and Sky”

Joys and Sorrows:

Rev. Amy



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Offertory:

"The Heart of Both-And"
by Lyn Cox
Played by Linda Carroll, Pianist

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Interlude:

"Golden Reflections/Autumn Nocturne"
Medley by Martha Mier

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Closing Hymn #69:

"Give Thanks"

Extinguishing the Chalice:

"Go in peace, go making peace, live gently, love mightily and bow to the mystery"

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Michael Kahn; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Host:** Margie Manning; **Musical Accompaniment:** Linda Carroll, Pianist; **Staff:** Cheryl Brown, Music Coordinator; Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Rev. Amy Kindred, Developmental Minister; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Custodian; **Pastoral Associates:** Kathy Krohn, Pan Godchaux, Bill Foley, Lauren Logan, Bruce Gotts

Flowers for Sunday Services

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 She will help you coordinate your contribution.



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Opening Hymn #308 “Blessings of the Earth and Sky”

The blessing of the earth and sky upon our friendly house do lie.
The rightness of a master’s art has blessed with grace its every part.
The warmth of many hands is strewn in human blessing on this stone.

The wind upon the lakes and hills performs its native rituals.
The worship of our human toil brings sacrament from sun and soil.
With words and music, we, the earth, in nature’s wonder seek our worth.

Here we restore ancestral dreams enshrined in floor and wall and beam,
a monument wherein we build that their high purpose be fulfilled,
be tool to help our children prove an earth of promise and of love.

Closing Hymn #69 “Give Thanks”

Give thanks for the corn and the wheat that are reaped,
for labor well done and for barns that are heaped,
for the sun and the dew and the sweet honeycomb,
for the rose and the song and the harvest brought home.

Give thanks for the mills and the farms of our land,
for craft and the strength in the work of our hands,
for the beauty our artists and poets have wrought,
for the hope and affection our friendships have brought.

Give thanks for the homes that with kindness are blessed,
for seasons of plenty and well-deserved rest,
for our country extending from sea unto sea,
for ways that have made it a land for the free.