



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – April 12, 2026

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**Rev. Amy Kindred**

**Food Forest and Gardens**

"What are we holding onto, Sam?"

"That there is some good in this world, Mr. Frodo...and it is worth fighting for."

- J. R. R. Tolkien from Lord of the Rings: Two Towers

Join us this morning for a preview of the Earth Day celebration on the campus of UUC, sacred ground indeed.

**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.

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**Pre-service Music**

**Welcome**

Margie Manning, Worship Associate

**Tingsha**

**Prelude**

"Kyrie"

With the UUC Chorale and  
John Shaw, percussionist

**Call to Worship**

"Once More"

Written by Rev. Amy Bowden Freeman  
Delivered by Margie Manning

**Chalice Lighting**

Written by Pat Uribe-Lichty  
Delivered by Margie Manning

The chalice is a symbol of our faith.

Like our faith, it is not magic nor is it mysterious.

We light it as a reminder of what we share as a community

And of who, each of us, is called to be.

**Story for All Ages**

Barb Tobin

**Singing the children to the classroom Hymn #414**

"As You Leave This Friendly Place"

**Joys and Concerns**

**Hymn #38**

"Morning Has Broken"

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**Sermon**

*“Food Forest and Gardens”*

*Rev. Amy Kindred*

**Hymn #1064**

“Blue Boat Home”

**Offertory**

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

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

**Postlude:**

**Our Grateful Thanks:**

**Worship Associate:** Margie Manning; **Service Technical Support:** Colin Brink, Phil Brown, Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Host:** Lore Eargle; **UUC Choir:** Barbara Bedingfield, Matt Bouchie, Rich Cann, Linda Carroll, Gretchen Craig, Anne DiNatale, Jocelyn Ganoza, Pan Godchaux, Sue Hand, Ed Kraemer, Chris Parlman, Bruce Peller, Donna Polhamus, Susie Safford, Dennis Thomas; **Guest Musicians:** John Shaw, percussion; **Slides and Video:** Margie Manning and Jeremy Dillow; **Ushers:** TBD; **Visuals:** Ana “Soledad” Vaquer; **Staff:** Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Rev. Amy Kindred, Developmental Minister; Roger McCormick, Pianist; Dr. Susan Robinson, Choral Conductor, Zoraida Santana, Custodian; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Lori Thorn, Lifelong Learning; Barb Tobin, Lifelong Learning; Eric Williamson, Handyperson; Dale Zwick, Bookkeeper; **Pastoral Associates:** Bill Foley, Pan Godchaux, Eloise Hardman, Kathy Krohn

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**Hymn # 414 “As You Leave This Friendly Place”**

As you leave this friendly place,  
love give light to ev’ry face;  
may the kindness which you learn  
light your hearts till you return.

**Hymn #38 “Morning Has Broken”**

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God’s recreation of the new day!

**Hymn #1064 “Blue Boat Home”**

Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains.  
Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:  
I’ve been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,  
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.  
Drifting here with my ship’s companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,  
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on,  
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor’s song:  
I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.