



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – December 22, 2024

Rev. Amy Kindred

“Of Scent and Sound”

We Unitarian Universalists are so infatuated with words. And yet, life is filled with other powerful languages such as that of scent and sound. Join us as we explore how the two emerged to heighten our merriment of winter celebrations.

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.

Pre-Service Music

Holiday Medley
Played by Linda Carroll

Welcome

Ed Kraemer, Worship Associate

Tingsha

Prelude

“Fum, Fum, Fum”
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

“Celebrating the Darkness”
By Jo VonRue
Delivered by Ed Kraemer

Chalice Lighting

“Lighting the Chalice”
by Shari Woodbury
Delivered by Ed Kraemer

Spark of the spirit, cupped in earth’s embrace,
Light of love, alive in all creation,
As we kindle this flame,
we rekindle our connection
to the sacred web of life.

Story for All Ages

Rev. Amy

Sing the children to their classroom Hymn #414

“As You Leave This Friendly Place”
X2

Opening Hymn #244

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

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Joys and Sorrows

Rev. Amy

Message

“Of Scent and Sound”

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Offering

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

For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Offertory Music

Music by Chuck Miller

Closing Hymn #226

“People, Look East”

Extinguishing the Chalice

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

Postlude

“Let it Snow”

Played by Chuck Miller

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Ed Kraemer; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Host:** Linda Stoller; **UUC Choir:** Barbara Bedingfield, Matt Bouchie, Rich Cann, Linda Carroll, Gretchen Craig, Anne DiNatale, Pan Godchaux, Sue Hand, Ed Kraemer, Francine Lancaster, Chris Parliman, Bruce Peller, Susie Safford; **Guest Musicians:** *The UUC Jazz Band:* James Guess (trumpet), Kurt Knippel (saxophone), Rob Kosinski (bass), Ed Kraemer (percussion), Chuck Miller (piano); **Slides and Video:** Margie Manning and Jeremy Dillow; **Ushers:** TBD; **Visuals:** Ana “Soledad” Vaquer; **Staff:** Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Rev. Amy Kindred, Developmental Minister; Chuck Miller, Pianist; Dr. Susan Robinson, Choral Conductor, Zoraida Santana, Custodian; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Handyperson; Lori Thorn, Lifelong Learning; Dale Zwick, Bookkeeper; **Pastoral Associates:** Bill Foley, Pan Godchaux, Kathy Krohn; Aryna Ryan

SUNDAY FLOWER DONATIONS

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Hymn #414 “As You Leave This Friendly Place” {x2}

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

Opening Hymn #244 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, to all good will, from heaven the news we bring.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled;
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing;
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

But with the woes of war and strife the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel-strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
and we who fight the wars hear not the love song which they bring.
O hush the noise of battle strife, and hear the angels sing.

For, lo! the days are hastening on by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold:
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Closing Hymn #226 “People, Look East”

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course and flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.