



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – August 27, 2023

"Reflections on Life-long Spiritual Growth: Changing Perspectives"

Ned Bellamy

"Finding UU Values in My World"

An early life request began my search for meaning, illuminated in two stories.

Christina Bellamy

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

Chris Mueller

Tingsha

Prelude

"On a Summer Night"

By W T Skye Garcia

Linda Carroll, Pianist

Call to Worship

Delivered by Chris Mueller

Social Justice Report

Linda Stoller

Video

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

NYC chorale /orchestra

Chalice Lighting

"The Way It Is"

By William Safford, Teaching With Fire...

There's a thread you follow. It goes among
things that change. But it doesn't change.
People wonder about what you are pursuing.
You don't have to explain about the thread.
But it is hard for others to see.
While you hold it you can't get lost.
Tragedies happen, people get hurt
or die; and you suffer and get old.
Nothing you do can stop time's unfolding.
You don't ever let go of the thread.

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Story for All Ages

Christina Bellamy

Joys and Sorrows

Chris and Adanya

Message

*Ned Bellamy
Christina Bellamy*

Offering Words

Chris Mueller

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

For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Offertory Music

“Lakeside Reverie”
By Melody Bober
Linda Carroll, Pianist

Closing Hymn #108

“My Life Flows in in Endless Song”

Extinguishing the Chalice:

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

Postlude:

“St. Thomas Skyride”
By Kathy Holmes
Linda Carroll, Pianist

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Chris Mueller; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Host:** TBD; **UUC Choir:** Rich Cann, Linda Carroll, Gretchen Craig, Anne DiNatale, Sue Hand, Ed Kraemer, Susie Safford; **Guest Musician:** Linda Carroll, Pianist; **Slides and Video:** Margie Manning and Joe Myers; **Ushers:** TBD; **Visuals:** Ana “Soledad” Vaquer; **Staff:** Cheryl Brown, Music Coordinator; Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Patti Hanks, Ministerial Intern; Rev. Amy Kindred, Developmental Minister; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Custodian; **Pastoral Associates:** Kathy Krohn, Pan Godchaux, Bill Foley, Lauren Loga



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SUNDAY FLOWER DONATIONS

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.globalre@gmail.com. She will help you coordinate your contribution.

Opening Hymn #108 "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" {UUC version}

My life goes on in endless song
Above earth's lamentations,
I hear the real though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing!

Verse 2

While though the tempest loudly roars,
I know the truth, it liveth.
And though the darkness 'round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

Verse 3

When tyrants tremble in their fear
And hear the bell of freedom ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near,
How can I keep from singing?
To prison cell and dungeon vile
Our thoughts to them are winging,
When friends by shame are undefiled,
How can I keep from singing?