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## Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – December 12, 2021

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**Homily:**

***“Blue Christmas”***

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

**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:**

Sue Hand

**Tingsha**

**Prelude:**

“Bridge Over Troubled Water”  
Played by Larry Hall

**Call to Worship:**

“Winter Solstice”  
By Sue Hand

**Chalice Lighting:**

“A Winter Solstice Prayer”  
By Edward Hays, 3rd verse

In the heart of every person on this Earth  
burns the spark of luminous goodness;  
in no heart is there total darkness.

May we who have celebrated this winter solstice,  
by our lives and service, by our prayers and love,  
call forth from one another the light and the love  
that is hidden in every heart.

**Opening Hymn:**

#55 "Dark of Winter"

**Time for All Ages:**

“Sneezy the Snowman”  
By Maureen Wright  
Told by Meredith Olson

**Drumming the Children Out:**

Ed Kraemer, percussion

**Joys and Sorrows:**

Rev. Roberta

**Musical Response:**

“All Will Be Well”  
Words and music by Meg Barhouse



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Offering Message:

Sue Hand

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

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Interlude:

“Blue Christmas”  
Sung by UUC Chorale Members

Homily:

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Litany of Comfort

By Debra Faulk

*Prompt: This season brings forth many feelings.*

*Congregational Response: We find comfort in naming these feelings; we find peace in being together.*

Choral Benediction:

“Lean on Me”  
Words and music by Bill Withers

Extinguishing the Chalice:

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

### Our Grateful Thanks:

**Worship Associate:** Sue Hand; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick **Zoom Host:** Margie Manning; **Music:** April Cook, Gretchen Craig, Sue Hand and Ed Kraemer; **Staff:** Rev. Roberta, Transitional Minister; Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Meredith Olson, Transitional Director of Lifelong Learning; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Custodian; **Pastoral Associates:** Kathy Krohn, Pan Godchaux, Bill Foley, Lauren Logan, Ann Myers



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### 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](mailto:soledad.loba1@gmail.com) She will help you coordinate your contribution.

**Special Thanks to L. Wood for the beautiful and inspiring UUC original artwork**





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### Opening Hymn #55 "Dark of Winter"

Dark of winter, soft and still, your quiet calm surrounds me.  
Let my thoughts go where they will; ease my mind profoundly.  
And then my soul will sing a song, a blessed song of love eternal.  
Gentle darkness, soft and still, bring your quiet to me.

Darkness, soothe my weary eyes, that I may see more clearly.  
When my heart with sorrow cries, comfort and caress me.  
And then my soul may hear a voice, a still, small voice of love eternal.  
Darkness, when my fears arise, let your peace flow through me.