



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – April 25, 2021

"What We Become When We Embrace Change"

Elena Novak

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 Boone

Call to Worship: by Lyn Cox
Read by Doug Norcross and Sue Boone

Chalice Lighting: by Elizabeth McMaster

We light our flaming chalice
To illuminate the world we seek.
In the search for truth, may we be just;
In the search for justice, may we be loving;
And, in loving, may we find peace.

Opening Hymn: Hymn #347 "Gather the Spirit"

Time for All Ages: Meredith Olson

Joys and Sorrows: Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life"

Offering:

The month of April grants us the opportunity to generously give to the ***Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW)***. Read more about our initiatives for this organization in the E-Octagram. If you wish to donate to the ***CIW***, please click on the link below and select "Coalition of Immokalee Workers" from the dropdown menu.

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

For text giving: (727) 500-2410



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Interlude:

“Guide My Feet While I Run This Race”

Culver Casson

Message

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Closing Hymn:

Hymn #1028 "The Fire of Commitment”

Benediction:

by Karen G. Johnston

Read by Bruce Gotts

Extinguishing the Chalice:

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

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Sue Boone; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow; **UUC Staff:** Rev. Dave, PPCM; Rev. Roberta, Transitional Minister; Anne Gilbert, Office Administrator; Meredith Olson, Transitional Director of Religious Enrichment; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Custodian; **UUC Music:** Culver Casson, Soprano; **Pastoral Associates:** Sally Otto (April 19 – April 25); Kathy Krohn (April 26 – May 2).

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





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Opening Hymn #347 "Gather the Spirit"

Gather the spirit, harvest the power.
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour.
Our trials in this light appear all the same.

(Chorus)

Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.

Gather the spirit of heart and mind.
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,
with body and spirit united once more.

(Chorus)

Gather the spirit growing in all,
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,
the chorus of life resounding as one.

(Chorus)



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Joys and Sorrows Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life"

Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.
Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.
Sopla al volar, sube en la mar,
Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida.
Arráigame, libérame,
Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.
Spirit of Life, come unto us.
Sing in our hearts all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold us close; wings set us free;
Spirit of Life, come to us, come to us.



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Closing Hymn #1028 "The Fire of Commitment"

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.

Chorus:

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

Chorus

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

Chorus

