



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – May 7, 2023

Topic:

“Banned and Challenged Books”

Rev. Amy Kindred, Patti Hanks and Adam Byrn Tritt

After witnessing increasing pressure to ban classical texts in schools and libraries, high school English teacher from Brevard County, FL Adam Byrn Tritt launched an effort to distribute banned and challenged books to children and young people at no charge. His pop-up distribution sites in front of cafes and ice cream parlors have become extremely popular. Today, he and his beloved, Lisa Harrington, work together to ensure young people in Florida know their lives and stories matter.

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

Rev. Amy Kindred

- James Dawson, [This Book is Gay](#)

“Frankly, if you want to identify as a carrot,
I will march in the Carrot Pride parade with you.”

Tingsha

Prelude

“Paperback Writer”
Lennon-McCartney
Cheryl Brown, Music Coordinator

Call to Worship

Patti Hanks, Ministerial Intern

-Unitarian Universalist Kurt Vonnegut, [Slaughterhouse Five](#)

There is no middle, no end, no suspense,
no moral, no causes, no effects. What we love in our books are the depths
of many marvelous moments seen all at one time.

Chalice Lighting

Patti Hanks

-Anne Frank, [The Diary of a Young Girl](#)

Where there’s hope, there’s life.
It fills us with fresh courage and makes us strong again.

Time For All Ages

“Being Brave in the Face of Change”
Rev. Amy Kindred

Opening Hymn #1028 (teal hymnal) and video

“The Fire of Commitment”



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Joys and Sorrows

Patti Hanks

Sermon:

Rev. Amy Kindred

Introduces

Adam Byrn Tritt

Foundation 451: Banned and Challenged Books

Offering Message

Patti Hanks

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

For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Offertory Music

“Lamento”

By Antonio Carlos Jobim

Played by Cheryl Brown

Closing Hymn #1017 (teal hymnal) and Video

“Building a New Way”

Please totally embody this song, dance, sway and move as you desire.

Extinguishing the Chalice:

Rev. Amy Kindred

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

Postlude:

“Guantanamero”

Cuban Folk Song

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Rev. Amy Kindred and Patti Hanks; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Tech:** TBD; **UUC Choir:** Rich Cann, Linda Carroll, Gretchen Craig, Anne DiNatale, Sue Hand, Ed Kraemer, Susie Safford; **Slides and Video:** Margie Manning and Joe Myers; **Ushers:** TBD; **Visuals:** Ana “Soledad” Vaquer; **Staff:** Cheryl Brown, Music Coordinator and Pianist; 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 Logan



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SUNDAY FLOWER DONATIONS

Today's flowers have been generously donated by Bruce Gotts, with the following dedication:

*"Flowers are in loving memory of Beth Maxie: a beautiful bright light that never dims.
From her beloved Bruce Gotts and family"*



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: #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



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Closing Hymn #1017 “Building a New Way”

We are building a new way.
We are building a new way.
We are building a new way,
feeling stronger ev’ry day,
We are building a new way.

We are working to be free.
We are working to be free.
We are working to be free,
hate and greed and jealousy.
We are working to be free.

We can feed our every need.
We can feed our ev’ry need.
We can feed our ev’ry need,
Start with love, that is the seed.
We can feed our every need.

Peace and freedom is our cry.
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Peace and freedom is our cry,
Without these this world will die.
Peace and freedom is our cry.