



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – September 8, 2024

The Happy Human

Rev. Amy Kindred

Unitarian Universalist, Humanist and satirist Kurt Vonnegut said, "Being a Humanist means trying to behave decently without expectation of rewards or punishment after you are dead." Although any UU gathering is filled with a diverse buffet of personal beliefs, we aspire to make a difference for humanity.

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

Soledad Vaquer, Worship Associate

Tingsha

Prelude

"I'm Gonna Ride That Train"
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting

"The Light Within Us"
Delivered by Soledad Vaquer

We light our chalice as a symbol of the Light within us
and the life that flows through the world around us.
It is our beacon as we search for truth.
It is the warmth in our hearts for love.
And it is the energy that propels us to action.
May we be kindled by our time together.

Story for All Ages

"Elle the Humanist"
Written by Elle and Doug Harris
Told by Lori Thorn

Hymn #347

"Gather the Spirit"

Joys and Concerns



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Message

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Offering

Soledad Vaquer

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

For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Offertory Music

Chuck Miller, Pianist

Closing Hymn #292

“If I Can Stop One Heart”

Extinguishing the Chalice

Soledad Vaquer

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

Postlude

Chuck Miller, Pianist



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Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Soledad Vaquer; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Host:** TBD; **UUC Choir:** Barbara Bedingfield, John Bedingfield, Matt Bouchie, Rich Cann, Linda Carroll, Gretchen Craig, Anne DiNatale, Pan Godchaux, Sue Hand, Ed Kraemer, Francine Lancaster, and Jim Lancaster, Chris Parliman, Susie Safford; **Guest Musician:** Ed Kramer; **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

*Special Thanks to Lori Thorn for her beautiful rendering of our chalice, which adorns
the header in the Order of Service!*

SUNDAY FLOWER DONATIONS

Today's flowers have been generously provided by Jill Coppins.

*"Happy Heavenly Birthday to Jerry Coppins, we miss you.
Love from your family, Jill, Cristi, Randy, Maddy and Emily."*

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.



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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)

Closing Hymn #292 “If I Can Stop One Heart”

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain.
If I can ease one life the aching
or cool one pain,
or help one fainting robin
unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.