



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – January 29, 2023

Sermon

“Embracing Possibility in Times of Change”

Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association

(Recorded sermon)

What does it mean for us as Unitarian Universalists to live as a people of hope and imagination, especially during in-between times? Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray helps us challenge ourselves and each other to learn and grow in uncertain times.

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

Margie Manning

Tingsha

Prelude

“Contento”

By Rebecca Kaiserin
Linda Carroll, pianist

Call to Worship

“Walk Through This Door”

By Rev. Marlene Walker – Margie Manning

Chalice Lighting

Peggy Tanney and our young people

“We light our chalice this morning as a beacon of light to guide and sustain us
Through the times of beginnings and the times of endings
Through the in between places that are neither beginning nor ending
Through the times of uncertainty and expectation, of hope and of challenge
That we may reach the promised land of fulfillment, of enough
Of the ongoing creation of Beloved Community.” — Rev. Marlene Walker

Time For All Ages

Margie Manning and Peggy Tanney

Opening Hymn #38 (grey hymnal)

“Morning Has Broken”
Linda Carroll, pianist



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Joys and Sorrows

Margie Manning

Interlude

“A Brief Interlude”

By Martha Mier

Linda Carroll, pianist

Offertory Message

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Offertory Music

“Rain on the Lake”

By Melody Bober

Linda Carroll, pianist

Reading

Excerpt from “Trusting Change”
by Karen Hering – Margie Manning

Message

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Closing Hymn #331 (grey hymnal)

“Life is the Greatest Gift of All”

Linda Carroll, pianist

Extinguishing the Chalice

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

Our Grateful Thanks

Worship Associate: Margie Manning and Peggy Tanney; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Slide Maker:** Joe Myers; **Ushers;** **Visuals:** Soledad Loba; **UUC Music:** Linda Carroll, pianist **Staff:** Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Rev. Amy Kindred, Developmental Minister; Cheryl Brown, Music Coordinator; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Custodian; **Pastoral Associates:** Kathy Krohn, Pan Godchaux, Bill Foley, Lauren Logan, Bruce Gotts



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Opening Hymn #38 “Morning Has Broken”

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s recreation of the new day!

Closing Hymn #331 “Life is the Greatest Gift of All”

Life is the greatest gift of all the riches on this earth;
life and its creatures, great and small, of high and lowly birth:
so treasure it and measure it with deeds of shining worth.

Mind is the brightest gift of all, its thought no barrier mars;
it seeks creation’s hidden plan, its quest surmounts all bars;
it reins the wind, it chains the storm, it weighs the outmost stars.

We are of life, its shining gift, the measure of all things;
up from the dust our temples lift, our vision soars on wings;
for seed and root, for flower and fruit, our grateful spirit sings.