



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater –April 14, 2024

Rev. Amy Kindred

“Gritty Hope”

Local member, Jay Hardman, used this term one day and I loved it. On this Sunday, UUC celebrates not just one day, but a whole week of all things Earth-Day related. Join us for Sunday morning and stay for Earth-Day activities after the service.

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, Worship Associate

Tingsha

Prelude

“We Are One”
By Robert S. Browning
UUC Choir and Dr. Susan Robinson

Call to Worship

“Our Lives Intersect and Intertwine”
Written by Rev. Tania Marquez
Delivered by Margie Manning

Chalice Lighting

Delivered by Margie Manning

We light this chalice for the web of life which sustains us,
For the sacred circle of life in which we have our being,
For the Earth, the Sky, Above and Below, and
For our Mother Earth, and for the Mystery.

-Rev. Paul Sprecher

Story for All Ages

Rev. Amy

Sing the Children to their Classrooms: Hymn #414

“As You Leave this Friendly Place”
{two times}

Opening Hymn #1064

“Blue Boat Home”

Joys and Sorrows

Rev. Amy



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Message

Rev. Amy
“Gritty Hope”

Offering

Margie Manning

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

For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Offertory Music:

“Earth Was Given as a Garden”

Closing Hymn #29:

“Joyful, Joyful”

Extinguishing the Chalice:

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

Postlude:

Jazz Favorites
Ed Kraemer, Percussion
Cheryl Brown, Piano

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Margie Manning; **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 Kraemer, Percussion; **Slides and Video:** Margie Manning and Jeremy Dillow; **Ushers:** TBD; **Visuals:** Ana “Soledad” Vaquer; **Staff:** Cheryl Brown, Music Coordinator; Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Rev. Amy Kindred, Developmental Minister; Dr. Susan Robinson, Choral Conductor, Zoraida Santana, Custodian; Lori Thorn, Lifelong Learning; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Handyperson; Dale Zwick, Bookkeeper; **Pastoral Associates:** Bill Foley, Pan Godchaux, Kathy Krohn; Aryna Ryan



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SUNDAY FLOWER DONATIONS

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 #1064 "Blue Boat Home"

Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains.
Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:
I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.
Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on,
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song:
I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

Hymn #414 "As You Leave This Friendly Place" {two times}

As you leave this friendly place,
love give light to ev'ry face;
may the kindness which you learn
light your hearts till your return.

Closing Hymn #29 "Joyful, Joyful"

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, God of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, hail thee as the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the pain of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the joy of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and planets sing around thee, center of unbroken praise;
field and forest, vale and mountain, blossoming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest;
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest.
Ever singing march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.