



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – August 13, 2023

“Still Climbing”

Rev. Amy Kindred

Do you recall Amanda Gorman's inauguration poem titled, "The Hill We Climb?"
I cried mountains of tears the first time I heard her read the piece.

**To prepare for Sunday's service, please watch the footage on YouTube of Amanda Gorman reading "The Hill We Climb".*

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

“Entr’acte”

By Bizet

Deborah Langrock, Flutist

Call to Worship

“We Hold Hope Close”

By Rev. Theresa I. Soto

Delivered by Margie Manning

Chalice Lighting

“For Each and for All”

By Rev. Erik Walker Wikstrom

Delivered by Margie Manning

We light this chalice for all who are here, and all who are not;
For all who have ever walked through our doors,
For those who may yet find this spiritual home,
And for those we can't even yet imagine.
For each of us and for us all, may this flame burn warm and bright,

Time for All Ages

Rev. Amy

Opening Hymn

“If I Had a Hammer”

By Pete Seeger and Lee Hays

Cheryl Brown, Pianist



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Joys and Sorrows

Rev. Amy

Transitional Reading

Chris Mueller

Message

“Still Climbing”
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Responsive Reading

Lead by Rev. Amy
Taken from “The Hill We Climb”
By Amanda Gorman

Minister: So let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left, with every breath from my bronze, pounded chest.

Congregation: We will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one,

Minister: We will rise from the golden hills of the West,

Congregation: We will rise from the windswept Northeast where our forefathers first realized revolution,

Minister: We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the Midwestern states,

Congregation: We will rise from the sunbaked South, we will rebuild, reconcile, and recover in every known nook of our nation, in every corner called our country, our people diverse and beautiful will emerge battered and beautiful will emerge battered and beautiful,

Minister: When the day comes, we step out of the shade aflame and unafraid, the new dawn blooms as free it, for there is always light if only we’re brave enough to see it,

All Together: If only we’re brave enough to be it.

Offering Message

Margie Manning

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Offertory Music

“Minuet”
By Bizet
Deborah Langrock, Flutist



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Closing Hymn #325 (grey hymnal)

“Love Makes a Bridge”
Cheryl Brown, Pianist

Extinguishing the Chalice:

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

Postlude:

Swingin’ Jazz Favorites
Cheryl Brown and Ed Kraemer

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Margie Manning; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Host:** Trude Diamond; **UUC Choir:** Rich Cann, Linda Carroll, Gretchen Craig, Anne DiNatale, Sue Hand, Ed Kraemer, Susie Safford; **Guest Musicians:** Ed Kraemer, Percussion; Deborah Langrock, Flutist; **Slides and Video:** Margie Manning and Joe Myers; **Ushers:** TBD; **Visuals:** Ana “Soledad” Vaquer; **Staff:** Cheryl Brown, Music Coordinator; 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

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.



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Closing Hymn #325 “Love Makes a Bridge”:

Love makes a bridge from heart to heart, and hand to hand.
Love finds a way when laws are blind, and freedom banned.

Love breaks the walls of language, gender, class, and age.
Love gives us wings to slip the bars of every cage.

Love lifts the hopes that force and fear have beaten down.
Love breaks the chains and gives us strength to stand our ground.

Love rings the bells of wanted birth and wedding day.
Love guides the hands that promise more than words can say.

Love makes a bridge that winds may shake, yet not destroy.
Love carries faith through life and death, to endless joy.