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## Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – February 28, 2021

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**Sermon:**

Rev. Ruth Vann Lillian

### *"Enemies Closer"*

**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:**

Sue Boone

**Prelude:**

"Beloved" by David Lanz

**Call to Worship:**

by Hope Johnson

**Chalice Lighting:**

by Jay E Abernathy, Jr, adapted

We affirm that love is our greatest purpose.

Accepting one another is the truest form of faithful living.

The search for truth is our constant star.

As we light this chalice we pledge our hearts, minds, and hands:

To challenge injustice with courage;

To find hope in times of fear;

And to live out our Unitarian Universalist values every day as a beloved community.

Thus do we covenant with each other and with all that is sacred in life.

**Opening Hymn:**

Hymn #18 "What Wondrous Love"

**Time for All Ages:**

"The Wall in the Middle of the Book" by Jon Agee

**Joys and Sorrows:**

**Musical Response:**

Hymn #1031 "Filled With Loving Kindness"

**Offertory Message:**

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**Interlude:**

"My House" by Leonard Bernstein



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**Closing:**

"America, The Beautiful" By Samuel Ward and Katharine Lee Bates

**Extinguishing the Chalice:**

*"Go in peace, go making peace, live gently, love mightily and bow to the mystery"*

### Our Grateful Thanks:

**Worship Associate:** Sue Boone; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow; **UUC Music:** Dr. David Katz, UUC Music Director; Linda Jones, UUC Staff Accompanist; Van Fenstermaker, Vocals/Guitar; Diego Iglesias, Tenor Section Leader and Soloist; Emily Righter, Alto Section Leader and Soloist; **Staff:** Rev. Dave, PPCM; Rev. Roberta, Transitional Minister; Anne Gilbert, Office Administrator; Meredith Olson, Transitional Director of Religious Enrichment; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Custodian  
**Pastoral Associates:** Kathy Krohn (February 22 – February 28); Susan Hegner (March 1 – March 7).

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### Opening Hymn #18 "What Wondrous Love"

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul?  
What wondrous love is this that brings my heart such bliss,  
and takes away the pain of my soul, of my soul,  
and takes away the pain of my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath my sorrows ground,  
friends to me gather'd round, O my soul, O my soul,  
friends to me gather'd round, O my soul.

To love and to all friends I will sing, I will sing,  
to love and to all friends I will sing.  
To love and to all friends who pain and sorrow mend,  
with thanks unto the end I will sing, I will sing,  
with thanks unto the end I will sing.

### Joys and Sorrows (Musical Response) Hymn #1031 "Filled With Loving Kindness"

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.  
May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.  
May I be peaceful and at ease.  
May I be whole.

May you be filled ...

May we be filled ...