



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – September 11, 2022

Message: *“Affirming the Journey”*
Rev. Amy Kindred

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 Hand

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Prelude: Today's selection chosen by our guest musician.
Join us as we welcome **Brent Douglas** who is a professor of music at Eckerd College.

Call to Worship: “Welcome Home”
By Rachel Rott

Chalice Lighting: “Chalice Lighting for a New Year” by Lisa Doege (adapted)
For the new congregational and church year,
just days old,
beginning today,
always beginning:
We light our chalice,
symbol of faith, perseverance, and hope,
in astonished thanksgiving and irrepressible praise.

For beginnings that
emerge out of endings,
appear amidst continuity,
become visible in hindsight:
We light our chalice,
symbol of faith, perseverance, and hope,
in astonished thanksgiving and irrepressible praise.

For all the times,
and all the ways,
we have begun anew, together:
We light our chalice,
symbol of faith, perseverance, and hope,
in astonished thanksgiving and irrepressible praise.



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Opening Hymn #1010: “We Give Thanks”

Story For All Ages: “Raven”
By Gerald McDermott

Joys and Sorrows: Sue Hand

Musical Response #1031: “Filled with Loving Kindness”

Offering Message: Sue Hand

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Interlude: Music selection chosen by Brent Douglas



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Sermon:

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Closing Hymn #1023:

“Building Bridges”

Extinguishing the Chalice:

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

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Sue Hand; **Zoom Host:** Natasha Cruz-Knopf; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Staff:** Rev. Amy Kindred, Developmental Minister; Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Custodian; **Guest Musician:** Brent Douglas; **Pastoral Associates:** Kathy Krohn, Pan Godchaux, Bill Foley, Lauren Logan, Bruce Gotts

Flowers for Sunday Services

Flowers are in loving memory of Jane Torrell
From her children – Tekla, Diana, Sarah and Jim



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.loba1@gmail.com She will help you coordinate your contribution.



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Opening Hymn #1010: "We Give Thanks"

Oh, we give thanks for this precious day,
For all gather'd here, and those far away;
For this time we share with love and care,
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.

Oh, we give thanks for the old and young,
For a time of wonder, joy, and fun
For all we give as we grow and live,
Oh, we give thanks for the old and young.

Musical Response #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 ...

Closing Hymn #1023: "Building Bridges"

Building Bridges between our divisions,
I reach out to you, will you reach out to me?
With all of our voices and all of our visions,
friends, we could make such sweet harmony.