



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater - September 5, 2021

Message:

“Lessons Learned During the Pandemic” Reflections from members of UUC Board of Trustees

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

Prelude:

“Sanctuary” Words and music by Carrie Newcomer

Call to Worship:

Words provided by Susie Safford,
Read by Barbara Brandt

Chalice Lighting:

Words written by Rev. Molly Brewer
Read by Chuck Shimer

My beloved people,
I cannot pretend,
And so I will not tell you.
That everything is okay right now,
That there is no reason to be angry,
That you must be optimistic
Or at peace.
I cannot pretend these things,
And so I won't tell them to you,
But now our chalice is lit,
And so all I ask in this moment is that we remember the words of Rebecca Parker
There is a Love,
There is a Love holding us,
There is a Love holding all,
By the light of our chalice,
Let us rest in this Love.

Opening Hymn:

Hymn #1021, “Lean on Me” by Bill Withers

Time for All Ages:

“While We Can't Hug” by Eoin McLaughlin and Polly Dunbar
Published by Faber & Faber Ltd., Read by Margie Manning

Joys and Sorrows:

Eloise Hardman



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Reading: "Crocus Prayer" by Kim Crawford Harvie and adapted from an anonymous source
Read by Harriet Ha-Sidi

Offertory Message: Rich Cann

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For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Musical Interlude: "All Shall be Well" Composed and sung by Rev. Meg Barnhouse

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Closing Hymn: Hymn #1017, "Building a New Way" written by Martha Sandefer
Arranged by Barry Hall and Bob Nicoll, sung by UUSGU Virtual Choir

Extinguishing the Chalice: Joe Myers

Postlude: "You Gotta Be" by Des'ree

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

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Margie Manning; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow; **Staff:** 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, Susan Hegner, Pan Godchaux, Bill Foley, Sally Otto (on sabbatical)

Special Thanks to L. Wood for the beautiful and inspiring UUC original artwork





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Hymn #1021 "Lean On Me"

Sometimes in our lives
We all have pain
We all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow

Lean on me
When you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on...
For it won't be long
Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill
Those of your needs that you won't let show

You just call on me brother when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on

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I'll help you carry on...
For it won't be long
Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

You just call on me brother
When you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on

If there is a load you have to bear
That you can't carry
I'm right up the road
I'll share your load
If you just call me.



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Hymn: #1017 "Building a New Way"

We are building a new way.
We are building a new way.
We are building a new way,
feeling stronger ev'ry day,
We are building a new way.

We can feed our every need.
We can feed our ev'ry need.
We can feed our ev'ry need,
Start with love, that is the seed.
We can feed our every need.

Peace and freedom is our cry.
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Peace and freedom is our cry,
Without these this world will die.
Peace and freedom is our cry.