



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – May 14, 2023

Topic

“Annual Flower Ceremony”

Rev. Amy Kindred

Unitarian Universalists participate in an annual ritual that celebrates and affirms the value of diversity. Created by Unitarian preacher Norbert Fabian Čapek in Prague in 1923, the Flower Ceremony welcomes all who wish to join us this morning. With lovely readings and music, it's a wonderful way to celebrate a hundredth-year anniversary and to recognize the Unitarian Universalist love of diversity.

Bring a flower to service.

If you attend via zoom, put a flower in a vase near you
as you watch the morning's activities.

It's also Mother's Day.

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

Peggy Tanney, Worship Associate

Tingsha

Prelude

“Teach the Children Well”
By Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young
Cheryl Brown, Music Coordinator

Call to Worship

Peggy Tanney
“You Are Never Alone”
By Sharon Wylie

Chalice Lighting

Peggy Tanney

Mother's Day Chalice Lighting

By Claudene (Deane) Oliva

We light this chalice for mothers and mothering;

to celebrate those who have taken on the task of nurturing a young one-baby, child, or youth-
into adulthood;

to celebrate those who have nourished the light of truth and compassion in growing minds and
hearts;

to celebrate those who have committed time, money, energy to the growth of others in this
world.

We light this chalice to celebrate and hold dear this flame of love.



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Time For All Ages

“Flower Ceremony”
Rev. Amy Kindred, Minister

Choir Sings (As people come forward)

“Spirit of Life”
Cheryl Brown, Music Coordinator/Pianist

Joys and Sorrows

Opening Hymn #29 (grey hymnal)

“Joyful, Joyful”
Cheryl Brown

Sermon:

Rev. Amy Kindred

Offering Message

Peggy Tanney

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For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Offertory Music

“Let it Be”
Cheryl Brown
Choir

Closing Hymn #1012 (teal hymnal)

“When I Am Frightened”
Cheryl Brown

Extinguishing the Chalice:

Peggy Tanney

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

Postlude:

Cheryl Brown

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Rev. Amy Kindred and Peggy Tanney; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Tech:** TBD; **UUC Choir:** Rich Cann, Linda Carroll, Gretchen Craig, Anne DiNatale, Sue Hand, Ed Kraemer, Susie Safford; **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



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SUNDAY FLOWER DONATIONS

We thank Nancy Warner's donation of the small colorful antique vases for the present and future Flower Ceremonies.



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 #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.



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Closing Hymn #1012 “When I Am Frightened”

When I am frightened, will you reassure me?
When I'm uncertain, will you hold my hand?
Will you be strong for me, sing to me quietly?
Will you share some of your stories with me?
If you will show me compassion,
then I may learn to care as you do,
then I may learn to care.

When I am angry, will you still embrace me?
When I am thoughtless, will you understand?
Will you believe in me, stand by me willingly?
Will you share some of your questions with me?
If you will show me acceptance,
then I may learn to give as you do,
then I may learn to give.

When I am troubled, will you listen to me?
When I am lonely, will you be my friend?
Will you be there for me, comfort me tenderly?
Will you share some of your feelings with me?
If you will show me commitment,
then I may learn to love as you do,
then I may learn to love.