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## Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – March 12, 2023

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### Sermon

#### *“Cheerful Heart”* Rev. Amy Kindred

*An old saying goes like this, “Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting.” Here at UUC, we don't take for granted the talent, the time and certainly the treasure that goes into promoting our Unitarian Universalist values here in Clearwater. Is it possible to give without grumbling? Yes, but only when we realize that that gift is first wrapped in gratitude.*

**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

### Tingsha

### Prelude

“Imagine”  
By John Lennon  
UUC Choir

### Call to Worship

“Sanctuary of the Soul”  
By David R. Chapman

### Chalice Lighting

“Exploring Who We Are”  
By Melanie Davis  
Read by Peggy Tanney

Under the right circumstances, playing with fire is a delight – imagine being gathered round a firepit as the crackling flames invite us to sing, dance and roast a marshmallow or two.

Our chalice also invites us to play, although with ideas rather than with marshmallows. The flame encourages us to explore who we are, who our neighbors are, and where we are on our spiritual journeys.

Today, we light this chalice in the spirit of play. Let us trust the light to guide us in this hour and in the days to come, finding joy along the way.

### Time for All Ages

Rev. Amy



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**Opening Hymn #402**

“From You I Receive”  
Cheryl Brown, Pianist

**Joys and Sorrows**

Rev. Amy

**Sermon**

“Cheerful Heart”  
Rev. Amy Kindred

**Offering Message**

Peggy Tanney

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**Offertory Hymn #403**

“Spirit of Truth, of Life, of Power”  
UUC Choir

**Closing Hymn #1028**

“The Fire of Commitment”  
Cheryl Brown, Pianist

**Extinguishing the Chalice:**

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

**Postlude:**

“La Samba”  
By Ray Oneida

### Our Grateful Thanks:

**Worship Associate:** Peggy Tanney; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Host:** Linda Stoller; **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:** Soledad Loba; **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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### Opening Hymn: #402 "From You I Receive"

From you I receive,  
to you I give,  
together we share,  
and from this we live.

### Offering Hymn: #403: "The Spirit of Truth, of Life, of Power"

Spirit of truth, of life, of power,  
we bring ourselves as gifts to thee:  
oh, bind our hearts this sacred hour  
in faith and hope and charity.

### Closing Hymn #1028 "The Fire of Commitment"

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear  
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.

#### **Chorus:**

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze  
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way  
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,  
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,  
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

#### **Chorus**

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,  
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

#### **Chorus**

