



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – January 5, 2024

Rev. Amy Kindred

“Story of the Trees”

*Our UU value stating that we honor the interdependent web of life speaks to our relationship with trees.
What is your earliest memory of one or more trees?*

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.

Pre-Service Music Played by Chuck Miller

Welcome Judy Toth, Worship Associate

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Prelude “Trees”
By Chuck Miller, inspired by Joyce Kilmer

Call to Worship “We Bid You Welcome on this First Sunday of the New Year”
Written by Sylvia Howe
Delivered by Judy Toth

Chalice Lighting “On the Brink of a New Year”
By Lois Van Leer
Delivered by Judy Toth

We light this chalice on the brink of a new year
Letting go of what has been
Open and hopeful for what may come
Renewed, restored, ready
To life fully anew
May we move forward with intention to love and be loved.

Story for All Ages Lori Thorn, Lifelong Learning Coordinator

Sing the children to their classroom Hymn #414 “As You Leave This Friendly Place”

Hymn #163 “For the Earth Forever Turning”

Joys and Sorrows Rev. Amy



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Message

“Story of the Trees”

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Offering

For online giving: <https://uuc.breezechms.com/give/online>

For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Offertory Music

Music by Chuck Miller

Extinguishing the Chalice

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

Postlude

“The Days of Wine and Roses”

by Henry Mancini

Played by Chuck Miller, piano

And Ed Kraemer, percussion

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Judy Toth; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Host:** TBD; **UUC Choir:** Barbara Bedingfield, Matt Bouchie, Rich Cann, Linda Carroll, April Cook, Gretchen Craig, Anne DiNatale, Pan Godchaux, Sue Hand, Ed Kraemer, Francine Lancaster, Chris Parliman, Bruce Peller, Donna Polhamus, Susie Safford; **Guest Musician:** Ed Kraemer, percussion; **Slides and Video:** Margie Manning and Jeremy Dillow; **Ushers:** TBD; **Visuals:** Ana “Soledad” Vaquer; **Staff:** Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Rev. Amy Kindred, Developmental Minister; Chuck Miller, Pianist; Dr. Susan Robinson, Choral Conductor, Zoraida Santana, Custodian; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Handyperson; Lori Thorn, Lifelong Learning; Dale Zwick, Bookkeeper; **Pastoral Associates:** Bill Foley, Pan Godchaux, Kathy Krohn; Aryna Ryan

SUNDAY FLOWER DONATIONS

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.



Hymn #414 “As You Leave This Friendly Place”

As you leave this friendly place,
love give light to ev’ry face;
may the kindness which we learn
light our hearts till we return.

Opening Hymn #163 “For the Earth Forever Turning”

For the earth forever turning; for the skies, for ev’ry sea;
for our lives, for all we cherish, sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the mountains, hills, and pastures in their silent majesty;
for the stars, for all the heavens, sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the seasons’ harmony,
for our lives, for all creation, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

For the world we raise our voices, for the home that gives us birth;
in our joy we sing returning home to our bluegreen hills of earth.