



## Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – February 12, 2023

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### Sermon

### ***“Water Ingathering Ceremony at UUC”*** **Rev. Amy Kindred**

***In the late 1970's, a group of Unitarian Universalist women created a ceremony to celebrate water during one of their gatherings. The water ceremony is an important part of UU congregations around the world. It is one of our Unitarian Universalist specific rituals. Bring a small container of water, no more than a quarter cup, and prepare to share some of it in a central vessel for others to contribute as well. You may also pour a little water from a pitcher provided as a way to symbolically represent a place that is important to you.***

**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

### Tingsha

### Prelude

“Alabanza”  
By Pablo Badillo  
UUC Choir

### Call to Worship

Margie Manning  
“For Five Thousand Years” by Matthew Johnson

### Chalice Lighting

Margie Manning

We light this chalice as a symbol of reunion.  
We reunite in this sanctuary to share the flow of our hearts with one another.  
We gather together in ritual  
to celebrate our fountains of joy  
to hold each other through storms of grief  
to guide one another through rapids of transformation  
to rest together on ponds of stillness.  
Together, we honor the spirit of water, its many forms, and its life-giving essence.

— Katie Gelfand



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Time For All Ages

Rev. Amy

Opening Hymn #347 (grey hymnal)

“Gather the Spirit”  
Cheryl Brown, pianist

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Amy

Sermon

“Water Ingathering”  
Rev. Amy Kindred

Offering Message

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

For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Offertory Music

“What the World Needs Now”  
By Burt Bacharach  
UUC Choir

Closing Hymn #1058 (teal hymnal)

“Be Ours a Religion”  
Cheryl Brown, pianist

Extinguishing the Chalice

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

Postlude

“Look to the Sky”  
By Antonio Jobim  
Cheryl Brown, Pianist

### Our Grateful Thanks

**Worship Associate:** Margie Manning; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Hosts:** Trude Diamond and Chris Mueller; **Slides and Video:** Margie Manning, Joe Myers; **Ushers; Visuals:** Soledad Loba; **UUC Music:** Cheryl Brown, Pianist **Staff:** ; Cheryl Brown, Music Coordinator; Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Patti Hanks, 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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### Flowers for Sunday Service

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](mailto:soledad.loba1@gmail.com) She will help you coordinate your contribution.

### Opening Hymn #347 "Gather the Spirit"

Gather the spirit, harvest the power.  
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.  
Witness the mystery of this hour.  
Our trials in this light appear all the same.

(Chorus)

Gather in peace, gather in thanks.  
Gather in sympathy now and then.  
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.  
Gather to celebrate once again.

Gather the spirit of heart and mind.  
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.  
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,  
with body and spirit united once more.

(Chorus)

Gather the spirit growing in all,  
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.  
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,  
the chorus of life resounding as one.

(Chorus)



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### Closing Hymn #1058 “Be Ours a Religion”

Be ours a religion  
which like sunshine goes everywhere,  
its temple all space,  
its shrine the good heart,  
its creed all truth,  
its ritual works of love.