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## Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – March 5, 2023

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### Sermon

***“If God were Female .... ”***  
**Women's Covenant Group**

***We Unitarian Universalists adore diversity! And we affirm that being human means to love oneself and others with our whole heart, mind and body.***

**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

Susan Allen

### Tingsha

Susan Allen

### Prelude

“A Faded Memory” written by Martha Mier  
Linda Carroll, Pianist

### Call to Worship

“Our Father/Our Mother”  
Read by April Cook and Ray  
Williamson, written by Sue Hand

### Chalice Lighting

Read by Sue Hand  
By Florence Caplow

We light this chalice today in honor of the Unitarian Universalist First Principle: To affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

We recognize that these are not just words to be spoken; instead, they call us out of our comfort into an ever-deepening commitment: a commitment we make to the rights of all whose inherent worth and dignity are denied, diminished, or destroyed by systems of oppression. And they call us into the practice of looking into our own hearts, with courage and honesty.

### Opening Hymn #18

“What Wondrous Love Is This”  
Linda Carroll, Pianist

### Tale For All Ages

“Big Momma Makes the World”  
By Phyllis Root



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**Joys and Sorrows** Linda Stoller and Susan Allen

**Musical Interlude** “Memories” written by Martha Mier  
Linda Carroll, Pianist

**Offertory Message** Linda Stoller

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For text giving: (727) 500-2410

**Offertory Music** “Morning Vista” written by Melody Bober  
Linda Carroll, Pianist

**Sermon**  
“If God Were a Woman”  
Sue Hand, Margie Manning

**Closing Hymn #131** “Love Will Guide Us”  
Linda Carroll, Pianist

**Benediction – poem extract written to Julia de Burgos** April Cook

**Extinguishing the Chalice:**

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

### Our Grateful Thanks:

**Worship Associate:** Sue Hand; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **UUC Music:** Linda Carroll, Pianist; **Slides and Video:** Margie Manning and Joe Myers; **Ushers:** TBD; **Visuals:** Soledad Loba; **Staff:** Cheryl Brown, Music Coordinator; Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; 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 were graciously provided by Sue Hand

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: #18 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul?  
What wondrous love is this that brings my heart such bliss,  
and takes away the pain of my soul, of my soul,  
and takes away the pain of my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath my sorrows ground,  
friends to me gather'd round, O my soul, O my soul,  
friends to me gather'd round, O my soul.

To love and to all friends I will sing, I will sing,  
to love and to all friends I will sing.  
To love and to all friends who pain and sorrow mend,  
with thanks unto the end I will sing, I will sing,  
with thanks unto the end I will sing.

### Closing Hymn #131 "Love Will Guide Us"

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,  
hope inside us will lead the way  
on the road from greed to giving.  
Love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels,  
if you cannot speak before thousands,  
you can give from deep within you.  
You can change the world with your love.

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,  
hope inside us will lead the way  
on the road from greed to giving.  
Love will guide us through the hard night.