



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – December 19, 2021

Homily:

“Breaking Through to Joy”

Meredith Olson

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:

Sue Boone

Social Justice Report:

Linda Stoller

Tingsha

Prelude:

Hymn #245 “Joy to the World”
By Lowell Mason
Arranged by Melody Bober

Call to Worship:

“If We Do Not Venture Out”
By Marni Harmony, adapted

Chalice Lighting:

Adapted from a writing by Charles Flagg

Every endeavor begins with a first step, and encounters darkness and difficulty along the way.

We all know the darkness of ignorance, of fear, and of tyranny.

Yet we know the dawning of the light, the beginnings of hope, and the renewal of life.

Blessed be the eternal power which inspires us to kindle this light. Blessed be the source of light and of life.

Opening Hymn:

#347 “Gather the Spirit”
Music by Jim Scott

Time for All Ages:

“Tomorrow, I’ll Be Brave”
By Jessica Hische
Read by Meredith Olson

Drumming the Children Out:

Ed Kraemer, percussion

Joys and Sorrows:

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Musical Response:

“Ode to Joy”
By Beethoven



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Offering Message:

Sue Boone

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Interlude:

“Dreams Bright and Beautiful”
By Martha Mier

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Closing Hymn:

#255 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Sung by Kiena Williams
Arrangement and accompaniment: Adam Pond

Extinguishing the Chalice:

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

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Sue Boone; **Artistic Worship Associate:** Soledad Vaquer; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick **Zoom Host:** Margie Manning; **Music:** Linda Carroll, pianist, Ed Kraemer, percussion; **Staff:** Rev. Roberta, Transitional Minister; Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Meredith Olson, Transitional Director of Lifelong Learning; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Custodian; **Pastoral Associates:** Kathy Krohn, Pan Godchaux, Bill Foley, Lauren Logan, Ann Myers



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Flowers for Sunday Services

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 She will help you coordinate your contribution.

Special Thanks to L. Wood for the beautiful and inspiring UUC original artwork





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Prelude, Hymn # 245 "Joy to the World"

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns: let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

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.



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(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 #255 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and with your captive children dwell.
Give comfort to all exiles here, and to the aching heart bid cheer.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Love to dwell.

O come, you Splendor very bright, as joy that never yields to might.
O come, and turn all hearts to peace, that greed and war at last shall cease.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Truth to dwell.

O come, you Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your presence here.
And dawn in every broken soul as vision that can see the whole.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Light to dwell.

O come, you Wisdom from on high, from depths that hide within a sigh,
to temper knowledge with our care, to render every act a prayer.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Hope to dwell.