



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – September 18, 2022

Message:

“My UU Journey”
Sue Boone

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:

Ed Kraemer

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Prelude:

"Ode to Joy" from Symphony No. 9
By Ludwig von Beethoven
Piano Transcription by Franz Liszt
Performed by INSANE Piano

Call to Worship:

by Richard S. Gilbert

Chalice Lighting:

by Denise Tracy

For centuries people have told stories, celebrated life, and approached the ultimate while gathered around a fire.

Today we light this chalice:

that the hearth fire of our hearts may be rekindled,
that our stories may be retold,
that we might celebrate life anew, and
that we might approach what is of ultimate value.

Opening Hymn #361:

“Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”
By Louise Ruspini
Arranged by Betty A. Wylder
Performed by First Unitarian Church of Baltimore

Joys and Sorrows:

Ed Kraemer



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Musical Response: Hymn # 123

“Spirit of Life”
By Carolyn McDade

Offertory Message:

Ed Kraemer

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

For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Offertory Music:

“Simple Gifts”
by Joseph Brackett
Performed by Yo-Yo Ma and Alison Krauss

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Closing Hymn #354:

“We Laugh, We Cry”
By Shelley Jackson Denham
Performed by the Community UU Church of Chapel Hill

Extinguishing the Chalice:

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

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Ed Kraemer; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Host:** Kelly Tew; **Staff:** 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, Bruce Gotts

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.



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Opening Hymn #361: “Enter, Rejoice and Come In”

Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Today will be a joyful day;

enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your ears to the song...

Open your hearts ev’ryone...

Don’t be afraid of some change...

Enter, rejoice, and come in...

Musical Response: Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.



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Closing Hymn #354: “We Laugh, We Cry”

We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our song.
We need to feel there’s something here to which we can belong.
We need to feel the freedom just to have some time alone.
But most of all we need close friends we can call our very own.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;
and we have found a need to be together.
We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts to receive;
and we believe that sharing is an answer.

A child is born among us and we feel a special glow.
We see time’s endless journey as we watch the baby grow.
We thrill to hear imagination freely running wild.
We dedicate our minds and heart to the spirit of this child.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;
and we have found a time to be together.
And with the grace of age, we share the wonder of youth,
and we believe that growing is an answer.

Our lives are full of wonder and our time is very brief.
The death of one among us fills us all with pain and grief.
But as we live, so shall we die, and when our lives are done
the memories we shared with friends, they will linger on and on.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;
and we have found a place to be together.
We have the right to grow, we have the gift to believe
that peace within our living is an answer.

We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life.
We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife.
We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind.
And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love,
and we have found a joy being together.
And in our search for peace, maybe we’ll finally see:
even to question, truly is an answer.