



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – May 16, 2021

"It Takes Practice" ***Matt Meyer, Worship Leader and Musician***

Matt Meyer is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist with a long background as a musician and worship leader for UU congregations.

Matt lives in Boston but travels as an itinerant worship leader, bringing the good news of Unitarian Universalism to hundreds congregations all over the country. He serves as the Director of Operations for Sanctuary Boston, a contemporary UU worship community, with rockin' music and engaging worship.

Matt is also a founding organizer of the UU Songleaders Convergence, a gathering for all UU's who love community singing to share skills, best practices, and of course, songs, in order to build a more musical movement together.

Matt's children's story "Desmond Gets Free" was recently published by Skinner House Press. You can order the book at this link: <https://www.rhythmrevelations.com/books/desmondgetsfree>

You can follow Matt and get resources and inspiration for music and worship at this link:

<https://rhythmrevelations.us17.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=345002de5972bf4d46b933227&id=6684fc8355>

And Matt's home congregation, Sanctuary Boston, offers contemporary worship on

Wednesday evenings. <http://thesanctuaryboston.org/>

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

Prelude: Prelude: Percussion improvisation, Matt Meyer

Call to Worship: "A Place of Belonging and Caring"
by Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson

Chalice Lighting: Margie Manning
We light our chalice this morning, grateful for the love that we experience in this beloved community. May the flame light the way for all who seek such abundance. -Author - Dawn Skjei Cooley



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Opening Hymn:	"Blessed Motion" by Annie Zylstra Matt Meyer
Time for All Ages:	"Desmond Gets Free" Matt Meyer
Joys and Sorrows:	Margie Manning
Musical Response:	"'Tis a Gift to Be Simple"
Offering:	Margie Manning
Offertory Music:	"Oye Mi Gente" by Peace Poets Matt Meyer

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

For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Reading:	"Invitation to Brave Space" by Mickey ScottBey Jones
Sermon:	"It Takes Practice" Matt Meyer
Closing Hymn:	"More Waters Rising" by Saro Lynch-Thomason Matt Meyer
Benediction:	Matt Meyer
Extinguishing the Chalice:	Margie Manning

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

Postlude:	Percussion improvisation, Matt Meyer
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Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Margie Manning; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow and Rich Cann; **UUC Staff:** Rev. Dave, PPCM; Rev. Roberta, Transitional Minister; Anne Gilbert, Office Administrator; Meredith Olson, Transitional Director of Religious Enrichment; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Custodian; **UUC Music:** Culver Casson, Soprano; **Pastoral Associates:** Sally Otto (May 10 – May 16); Kathy Krohn (May 17 – May 23).

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





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Reading: Invitation to Brave Space, By Micky ScottBey Jones

Together we will create brave space
Because there is no such thing as a “safe space”
We exist in the real world
We all carry scars and we have all caused wounds.
In this space
We seek to turn down the volume of the outside world,
We amplify voices that fight to be heard elsewhere,
We call each other to more truth and love
We have the right to start somewhere and continue to grow
We have the responsibility to examine what we think we know.
We will not be perfect.
This space will not be perfect.
It will not always be what we wish it to be
But
It will be our brave space together,
and
We will work on it side by side.

Opening Hymn: Blessed Motion, by Annie Zylstra

I believed in solid ground until I saw the earth in motion,
in the winds of steady change and in the ever-rolling ocean.
All moves on in perfect, perfect motion.
All is change and ever-rolling ocean.

Offertory Music: Oye Mi Gente, by The Peace Poets

Oye mi gente, traemos la fuerza.
La libertad es la única bandera/
Listen my people, my condor, my eagle,
No human being can ever be illegal.



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Closing Hymn: More Waters Rising, by Saro Lynch-Thomason

There are more waters rising, This I know, This I know.

There are more waters rising, This I know.

There are more waters rising, They will find their way to me.

There are more waters rising, This I know.

There are more fires burning...

There are more mountains falling...

I will wade through the waters...

I will wade through the waters, When they find their way to me...

I will walk through the fires...

I will walk through the fires...

I will rebuild the mountains...