



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – July 11, 2021

"To Be a People of Covenant"

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

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

Covid-19 Community Outreach: Clothes to Kids Inc.

Prelude: "One Fine Day" by David Byrne and Brian Eno
Performed by All Souls Church Unitarian (DC) choir

Call to Worship: Covenant of the UUA Southern Region Adjunct Staff

Chalice Lighting: Margie Manning

"We light this chalice, symbol of our purpose to bring more love and justice into the world. We light this chalice, knowing our congregation as a church dispersed across communities, not bound by walls but connected through the web of life." — written by Jennifer Gracen

Opening Hymn: Hymn #389 "Gathered Here"
Jess Huetteman, soprano; Chelsea Sardoni, mezzo-soprano; Morayo Akande, soprano

Time for All Ages: Meredith Olson
"The Promise and the Practice: Repairing Our Mistakes with Love"
by Jaelynn Pema-la Scott and Erika A. Hewitt

Joys and Sorrows: Rev. Roberta

Offertory Message: Margie Manning

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

For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Musical Interlude: Hymn #1017 "Building a New Way" by Martha Sandefer

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sung by the choir of the UU Society of Grafton and Upton
arranged by Barry Hall and Bob Nicoll

Sermon:

“To Be a People of Covenant”
Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Hymn #1054 “Let This Be a House of Peace”

by Jim Scott, produced for UUCP Moscow, Idaho
by Paul Thompson

Covenant Renewal Ritual:

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein, Meredith Olson, Margie Manning, Mike Kahn, Linda Stoller, Ray Williamson

Extinguishing the Chalice:

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

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Margie Manning; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow and/or 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 are available by calling the main office number (727-531-7704, Ext. 5) – leave a message and someone will return your call as soon as possible.**

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





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Hymn #389 Gathered Here

Gathered here in the mystery of the hour.
Gathered here in one strong body.
Gathered here in the struggle and the power.
Spirit draw near.

Hymn #1017 Building a New Way

We are building a new way.
We are building a new way.
We are building a new way,
feeling stronger ev'ry day,
We are building a new way.

We can feed our every need.
We can feed our ev'ry need.
We can feed our ev'ry need,
Start with love, that is the seed.
We can feed our every need.

Peace and freedom is our cry.
Peace and freedom is our cry.
Peace and freedom is our cry,
Without these this world will die.
Peace and freedom is our cry.

We are building a new way.
We are building a new way.
We are building a new way,
feeling stronger ev'ry day,
We are building a new way.



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#1054 Let This Be a House of Peace

Let this be a house of peace,
Of nature and humanity,
of sorrow and elation,
Let this be our house,
A haven for the healing,
An open room for questions,
and our inspiration.

Chorus

Let this be a house of peace.
Let this be our house of peace.
Let this be a house of freedom
A guardian of dignity
and worth held deep inside us,
Let this be our house,
A platform for the free voice,
Where all our sacred difference
here shall not divide us.

Chorus

Let all in this house seek truth,
Where scientists and mystics,
abide in reverence here,
Let this be our house,
A house of our creation,
Where works of art and melodies
consecrate the atmosphere.

Chorus

Let this be a house of prophesy,
May visions for our children
Be our common theme.
Let this be our house
Of myth and lore and legend,
Our trove of ancient story,
cradle of most tender dreams.

Chorus



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The Unitarian Universalist of Clearwater Covenant of Right Relations

A covenant of right relations represents the promises we make about how we want to treat each other and serve the wider community. It is a set of guidelines to help us achieve our shared Vision of being an inclusive religious community, a beacon for reason, meaning and bold social action. The intent of this covenant is to promote a respectful, meaningful, nurturing community while reducing misunderstanding and conflict.

We, Members, Friends and Staff of the Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater, aspire to abide by this covenant of right relations to create a beloved community informed by our UU Principles, inspired by our practice of loving-kindness and sustained by our friendships.

We build and serve our community with love and compassion developing meaningful, respectful relationships. We share our joys and concerns. We gladly broaden our circle of friends to include and welcome newcomers.

We come together in peace, sharing the belief in the inherent worth and dignity of all. We cherish our children as our future, promote our youth and honor the elders for the foundations they have built.

We are supportive of one another's self-development and spiritual growth, acknowledging that each person has a unique path and truth.

We are kind and considerate and we express loving gratitude. We speak kindly of all, especially of those who are not present.

We speak with care, listen appreciatively to each other, and assume others speak with good intentions. We help each other see possibilities inherent in viewpoints other than our own, truly welcoming and respecting the insights of others.

We are generous with our time, talents and treasures to encourage, include and inspire one another. We give help and comfort to friends and strangers in need.

We honor and uphold confidentiality and maintain healthy boundaries with each other. We are nonjudgmental, opening our hearts and minds to promote empathy and understanding.

We find ways to express and resolve our conflicts and misunderstandings. We speak directly and privately to those involved, listen with an open mind, make amends and practice apology and forgiveness. We engage in UUC's reconciliation practices as necessary.

We recognize this covenant as a living document and know we may review and adapt it to fit our changing needs and situations as we work together for justice, compassion and peace for all.